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S. F. I. L. A. ACTS TO BLOCK RYAN GULF SELL-OUT Hunger Crisis Sweeps Nation as All Federal Relief Stops

WPA FOR A FEW, LOCAL CHARITY FOR THOUSANDS

M'LAUGHLIN ORDERS: "CUT
THEM OFF RELIEF AND
CUT THEM OFF FAST"

Protest Mobilizing

**FORCED LABOR WAGES ARE
INADEQUATE FOR 9000
FAMILIES IN L. A.**

CHICAGO, Dec. 2.—The Chicago Real Estate Board today served warning to 30,000 families on relief here that they would be evicted if they failed to pay their rent this month.

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 2.—"Make them take the jobs offered or cut them off relief and cut them off fast." This was the word issued by administrator Frank Y. McLaughlin to all county WPA heads today.

News releases are being issued to local papers declaring the unemployed to be "drunks" and "bums" in an effort to prejudice public opinion against all who resist forced labor.

Figures on progress made so far show discrepancies. One report states that of the first 27,000 called, 10,000 failed to report. Another states that only 2 per cent of the 45,629 persons now receiving relief had failed to accept WPA jobs when offered.

LOS ANGELES, Dec. 2.—Relief authorities here announce that wages provided by WPA will be inadequate for 9000 families who are now receiving relief. The Los Angeles Citizens' Relief Committee is now faced with the problem of supplementing WPA wages in some manner or being stormed by mass protest if these 9000 families are not fed.

PHOENIX, Ariz., Dec. 2.—(EP)—The WPA administration (Continued on Page 2, Col. 4.)

SOVIET ORDERS IN U. S. SHOW BIG INCREASE

**\$35,000,000 IN TEN MONTHS
OF 1935**

NEW YORK, Dec. 1.—An enormous increase in Soviet purchases in the United States has been recorded this year, assuring jobs for thousands of workers.

In ten months of this year orders of \$35,000,000 were placed, against an average of less than \$15,000,000 in the previous two years. During the past 4 months, following the trade agreement arranged between Litvinoff and Secretary of State Hull, orders placed amounted to \$19,000,000. The agreement provided for purchases of \$30,000,000 in one year ending next July.

Even heavier orders in the future are anticipated, especially if credits are extended. Negotiations are now under way with England for a loan of from \$50,000,000 to \$300,000,000, to be spent for British goods.

The Soviet Union's ability to pay is shown by the fact that this year's gold production alone would pay for all its imports this year, amounting to about \$200,000,000. Foreign short term debts, estimated at 1,400,000,000 gold rubles three years ago, are now only one-tenth of that sum.

Hearst newspapers are doing their best to terminate trade with the Soviet Union, which means jobs for so many workers in the United States.

Labor Party and Ind. Unionism are Voted by ILGWU

New Zealand Labor Party Wins Crushing Victory Over National Government— Elects Majority to House

WELLINGTON, N. Z., Nov. 28.—The United Front Labor Party won a decisive victory electing a majority to the House of Representatives.

With results on only sixty-three of the eighty seats announced, the Labor Party has won forty-three, the national government fourteen, and independents six.

LOS ANGELES, Dec. 1.—Industrial unionism and a Labor Party were endorsed here today by delegates of the International Ladies Garment Workers' Union, concluding a three-day Pacific Coast convention.

Other resolutions demanded the repeal of the Criminal Syndicalism Law, the release of the Scottsboro boys, and the release of Angelo Herndon. Greetings were wired to Tom Mooney and Warren Billings, to the Sacramento C. S. victims now in prison in San Quentin and Tehachapi, and to the Scottsboro boys.

A telegram to Governor Tallmadge of Georgia demanded that he immediately release Herndon. The resolution for the Labor Party urged all I.L.G.W.U. members to work through central labor bodies and through approach to other unions, toward formation of such a party with a trade union base, but which would draw in other organizations sympathetic to such a party.

The convention resolved to concentrate on organizing the unorganized workers in Los Angeles, in preparation toward an anticipated strike of silk dressmakers here next July. Organization of Chinese workers in San Francisco was also resolved.

Delegates from Seattle, Portland, San Francisco and Los Angeles participated in the convention. Tomorrow the general executive committee of the International meets in Cleveland, Ohio.

Rank and File Slate Elected By I.L.A. 38-44

REACTIONARY CLIQUE OUSTED

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 2.—In one sweep, the entire reactionary officialdom of the Warehousemen's Union, I.L.A. Local 38-44, was swept out of office and a complete honest rank and file slate established, as a result of the elections just completed.

W. G. Denton, was named as president by an almost unanimous vote. Ray Heide as vice president, Charles Quirey as secretary-treasurer, William McLeod as recording secretary, James Robertson and Charles Tarling as business agents. Jack Husk as San Francisco despatcher and Paul Turner as Oakland despatcher, complete the rank and file slate.

The ousting of the old "rule and ruin" clique was a decisive blow to the Ryan-Lewis-Morris machine, who counted Local 38-44 as one of their strongholds in their desperate but futile efforts to stem the tide of the rank and file.

The new officers are pledged to go "down the line" on the rank and file program and to support Local 38-79 and its leader, Harry Bridges.

Pack Courts in Coming Trials

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 2.—Comrade James Branch's hearing on a petition for a writ of habeas corpus has again been postponed, this time to Saturday, Dec. 7th. Workers are urged to attend the hearing, before Judge Louderbach, at the Post Office Building, 7th and Mission streets. Immigration authorities are seeking to deport him.

The trial of Leo Gallagher, famous labor defense attorney, Elaine Black and others will be continued on Dec. 9th.

YOUTH MOBILIZE AT LOS ANGELES

30,000 Represented At Southern Calif. Congress

LOS ANGELES, Dec. 1.—Representing 30,000 youth throughout Southern California, 151 delegates completed steps towards action in mobilizing for the demands of youth here today as the Southern California American Youth Congress completed a two-day convention.

Initiation of a youth magazine to be published by the A.Y.C. on the Pacific Coast, steps toward organizing rubber workers of Los Angeles into trade unions, support of progressive workers' legislation, opposition to imperialist war, opposition to American participation in the 1936 Olympic Games in Berlin—these were among the progressive steps toward action taken by this broad representation of Southern California youth.

Fifteen trade unions, embracing a membership of 21,198, were represented in the Congress, including the International Seamen's Union, Warehousemen's Union, and the Shipyard Workers' Industrial Union, from San Pedro; Studio Carpenters, Painters, 202, Hospital Workers' Union, Western Mechanics' Industrial Union, Teamsters' 542, Fur Workers' 87, Millmen's 884, Carpenters' 946, and the San Diego Federated Trades and Labor Council.

Seven churches, and 77 general organizations of political, fraternal and cultural types were also represented, including the Young People's Socialist League and the Young Communist League.

Only one delegate, H. Allen, representing the Jew-baiting American Nationalist Party, which recently issued an anti-Semitic broadside throughout Southern California, was barred by unanimous vote of the Congress.

John Despol, chairman of the (Continued on Page 2, Col. 6.)

Olympic Boycott Receives Support Of U. S. Senators

MEMBERS OF OLYMPIC COM.
DENOUNCES AMERICAN
PARTICIPATION

NEW YORK, Dec. 2.—Opposition to American participation in the 1936 Olympic Games at Berlin has received considerable support as a result of the Nazis' cowardly attacks on political and economic rights of Jews.

Announcements of opposition to American participation in the Berlin games continue to pour in to the Committee on Fair Play in Sports, George Gordon Battle announced today. Heads of 40 colleges have so declared themselves; and the Right Reverend Edward T. Helfenstein, Episcopal Bishop of Maryland, and four more United States senators were added to the list over the weekend.

Senators Carter Glass of Virginia, Frederick Van Nuys of Indiana, and Edward P. Costigan of Colorado are among the latest recruits. Glass stated that it was best to have as little to do as possible with the Nazis while they persist in their shameful treatment of the Jews, Catholics and dissenting Protestants.

Ernest Lee Jahncke
While Gen. Sherrill, anti-Semite, Nazi-supporter, and red-baiter was lauding Mussolini on Thanksgiving (Continued on Page 2, Col. 7.)

Proletarian Feed At Stake In W.W. Drive for Funds

WATERFRONT, FILLMORE
SUB-SECTIONS ENTER
COMPETITION

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 2.—With a real "proletarian banquet" in the offing, the waterfront and Fillmore Sub-sections this week entered a campaign of Socialist competition to achieve their respective quotas in the campaign to raise \$2,500, San Francisco's quota in the present Western Worker Sustaining Fund Drive.

The winner of the competition will eat at the expense of the losing section. Fillmore issued the challenge and the Waterfront, rather suspicious, accepted on the basis the dinner will be a regular 25 cent meal to each member of the winning sub-section.

The Western Worker Campaign Committee is taking the challenge and its acceptance seriously and promises to watch closely the activities of both contestants. However, sub-sections are warned not to issue challenges indiscriminately.

Delegates to the Western Worker Bazaar Committee meet each Friday evening at 7 o'clock at 121 Haight street. The Publicity Committee has issued an appeal to party organizations, all mass organizations, as well as to individuals, to help collect articles for the Bazaar, secure ads for the souvenir program, arrange package parties and do everything possible to make the 1935 Bazaar a huge success.

Some one from the Waterfront already has turned in a pair of silk pajamas, it is reported. Yesterday an elderly lady was seen knitting a pair of socks which she assured a Western Worker reporter was being donated to the Bazaar, which will be held for four days beginning December 27. (Continued on Page 2, Col. 4.)

JAPANESE SEIZE NORTH CHINA

Chinese Nationalists
And Communists
May Unite

Split in Kuomintang Predicted Over Japan Move

NANKING, Dec. 2.—Surface maneuvers in Far Eastern politics are moving under a thin veil of hypocrisy that evidences more substantial understanding among the rival imperialist powers than are announced to the press. While Japan proceeds with characteristic blandness to establish military control over the North China provinces, Chiang Kai Shek, leader of Kuomintang (Nationalist) Chinese government faces a probable split in his forces that may be more serious than any recent development in Chinese politics.

Formal protests are being banded with customary "firmness" between the Chinese government and the Japanese. However, Chiang has offered no resistance to the Japanese move nor has he evidenced any intention of doing so. Preoccupied, as he is, with attempting to suppress the powerful Communist movement in China, Chiang is manifesting little regard for preservation of Chinese independence. It is the strong Na- (Continued on Page 2, Col. 7.)

Dine, Dance at L. A. Bazaar for WW on Dec. 13-15

RUSH CALL TO COMPLETE
PREPARATIONS ISSUED

LOS ANGELES, Nov. 27.—HURRY!

This was the word sent out here last night by the Los Angeles Press Conference, as arrangements were being completed for the Fourth Annual Press Bazaar to be held at the Cultural Center on December 13-14-15 for the benefit of the WESTERN WORKER and the VOICE OF YOUTH.

Articles of all descriptions—food, clothing, furniture, novelties, art goods—are needed immediately to be sold at the Bazaar, as well as commercial advertisements, and individual greetings for the Souvenir Program to be published.

Collect Articles.

All mass organizations and all Communist Party sub-sections and units are urged to collect articles and greetings immediately, and to bring them to the Western Worker Bureau, 224 So. Spring street, Room 402.

An elaborate and interesting program is being prepared for the three-day fete, starting with a dinner in the Cultural Center Cafeteria on Friday, Dec. 13th, at 6 p. m. Dinner will be served on Saturdays and Sundays as well, with reservations now being accepted.

Masquerade Ball.

A masquerade ball, sponsored by the Young Communist League, will be Saturday's feature affair, starting at 8 p. m. A film showing on Sunday afternoon, and a grand auction on Sunday night will complete the Bazaar. Throughout the three days, colorful booths will be open at all times.

All funds from the Bazaar will go toward the Western Worker sustaining fund, in order that our newspaper may continue to be published throughout 1936.

WAR!

GUNS AGAINST
DEMOCRACY

Preparing Amer. Suppression Series

From a manual on "civil disturbances" instructing the military how to deal with strikes and working class demonstration, issued by order of the Secretary of War and signed by Douglas MacArthur, General, Chief of Staff. Such instruction would apply to the troops called out on the waterfront in San Francisco during the maritime strike.

"There will be many cases where tanks can be used to good advantage. Certainly the moral as well as the physical effect of a tank bearing down upon a mob will do much toward breaking up the mob. Tanks have been used effectively in street fighting. A pole or spar has been lashed to the tank and this used as a battering ram to break in doors or make breaches in barricades."

REBELLION HITS BRAZIL STATES

Soldiers Active In Revolt Against Imperialists

More than a week ago it was reported by wireless from Natal, the center of Northeast Brazil, that an anti-imperialist uprising was in progress. Peasants, workers and soldiers with the support of the Communist Party had captured the city of Natal, capital of the State of Rio Grande do Norte. The rebel forces succeeded in winning over the national telegraph system.

The revolt started when non-commissioned officers of the 21st Battalion began a march on the palace of the state's government, trying to seize Governor Rafael Fernandez, who took refuge in the police barracks. Minister of War Joao Gomez, attempting to comfort his imperialist masters, immediately announced the uprising had been crushed.

Fascist Threat.

The revolt swept through four provinces following the request of President Getulio Vargas that the Chamber of Deputies grant him the power to plunge the whole country under martial law. In Pernambuco non-commissioned officers of the 29th Battalion led the revolt.

Soon the soldier, the aviation, artillery and cadet forces mutinied in Rio de Janeiro, capital of Brazil and governmental center of the Vargas regime. The revolution flared up in the State of Minas Geraes, just north of Rio de Janeiro.

Prominent as a leader of the revolutionary forces was Luis Carlos Prestes, who led the revolution of 1934. Prestes was elected the Executive Committee of the Communist International at the recent Seventh World Congress.

Fierce fighting took place for (Continued on Page 2, Col. 8.)

ITALIANS ROUTED BY ETHIOPIANS

Ethiopians Recapture
Three Towns in
New Drive

Oil Embargo Will Be Decided Dec. 12 By League

LONDON, Dec. 2.—Increased difficulties are being encountered on every hand by the Italian invading forces, now deep into Ethiopia. Report from authoritative sources states that the Ethiopians have re-taken three towns and not only have the Italian advance effectively blocked but are inflicting tremendous punishment upon the invaders.

Military observers express confident admiration of Ethiopian strategy, which is largely overcoming their immense handicap of poor equipment and lack of airplanes. They have drawn the Italian forces far inland where the difficulty of maintaining supply lines is at a maximum. Observers declare that the Ethiopians at this time will make no effort to drive the invaders from the country. They will keep them at the point they are now occupying, prevent them from advancing, and wear them down by months of persistent guerilla warfare.

The Ethiopians are depending largely on psychological factors which are already reported as seriously weakening the Italian forces. Hunger, hardship, disease and constant nerve-strain is the daily fare in Italian ranks.

GENEVA, Dec. 2.—The League of Nations will decide definitely whether or not an oil embargo will be placed against Italy at a meeting called for Dec. 12. Mussolini is continuing his threats that if such an embargo is declared, he will reply with force of arms. The situation has reached a state of (Continued on Page 2, Col. 5.)

League Maps Plans For Northern Calif. Anti-War Congress

LOS ANGELES WILL HOLD
REGIONAL PEACE MEET
ON DECEMBER 22

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 2.—Indication of the wide-spread anti-war sentiment was received by the American League Against War and Fascism here this week in an invitation from Sydney, Australia, to send a delegate to the Australian congress against war to be held there early next year.

Meanwhile, plans are shaping up for the Congress Against War and Fascism to be held here December 14 and 15 at 960 Bush st. Delegates from all over Northern California will be in attendance. Endorsements of the Congress are pouring into the American League headquarters at 68 Haight st. here rapidly. Latest groups to back the meeting include the Machinists, Local 68, and the Masters, Mates and Pilots, Local 90, both A. F. of L. unions. Maritime Federation District Council No. 2 is affiliated to the League.

The International Order of Knights Templars also has endorsed the Congress as have the Rev. Donald Chase and Rabbi Jacob Weinstein of the religious groups.

The Congress will work through (Continued on Page 2, Col. 6.)

BAN ALL CARGO NOT OKEED BY GULF STRIKERS

KATRINA LUCKENBACH IS
BOYCOTTED BY S. F.
DOCK WORKERS

Treachery Exposed

FEDERATION COUNCIL EX-
COMMITTEE CONCURS
IN I.L.A. ACTION

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 3.—One of the rawest sell-out maneuvers yet attempted by the reactionary leaders of the International Longshoremen's Association, was spiked by the militant rank and file longshoremen of San Francisco, Local 38-79, when they voted to refuse to unload, any hot cargo from the Gulf, until officially released by the Gulf Rank and File Strike Committee.

This decision was made when the Katrina Luckenbach arrived from San Pedro, where it had been worked by the longshoremen there, who received "instructions" from Gulf I.L.A. District President Dwyer to "work all Luckenbach ships, as they have signed an agreement with the I.L.A." Similar instructions were also received from Joseph P. Ryan, national president at New York, and Paddy Morris, West Coast District secretary, to work all Luckenbach vessels.

Sensing a sell-out move, Harry Bridges, president of I.L.A. 38-79 wired the Gulf Strike Committee as to whether they had released the Luckenbach vessels. He received the following reply: "The wire from Dwyer was sent at instructions from Ryan. Gulf Contract Committee has not met since November 18th, when it was decided to boycott all ships until a decision was reached," signed R. Landgrebe.

Fed. Council Acts.

At a special meeting of Executive Committee of District Council No. 2 of the Maritime Federation, the actions of I.L.A. 38-79 were concurred in and it was recommended that Harry Bridges, as president of the Council, go by plane to San Pedro and explain the situation. Local 38-79 (Continued on Page 2, Col. 2.)

MODESTO BOYS FAVOR UNITED DEFENSE ACT

URGE BROAD FRONT TO
FIGHT CASE

SAN QUENTIN, Calif., Dec. 3.—A committee of seven maritime workers paid a visit to the Modesto Boys at San Quentin prison and upon their return reported that the victims of the Standard Oil frame-up, are in favor of calling a broad united front of all political, trade union and workers' defense organizations to further the fight for their vindication of the plot concocted by stool pigeons.

The prisoners also informed the committee, that several visitors claiming to have been "sent by Harry Bridges," warned them to have nothing to do with the International Labor Defense. "The Committee assured the prisoners that Bridges had authorized no such statement.

Victor Johnson, one of the seven victims, is desirous of obtaining a typewriter. Anyone able to donate one should notify the Modesto Defense Committee, 268 Market st., or the WESTERN WORKER.

SCALERS CALL MASS MEET TO RAP FRAME-UP

"RIOT" SCENE TO BE RE-ENACTED

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 3.—A huge protest mass meeting will be held on Sunday, Dec. 8, at 8 p.m., to fight the frame-up of the four members of the Ship Scalers' Union, Local 38-100, who are being held for murder on the perjured testimony of Waterfront Employers' agents.

Archie Brown, Francisco Jimenez, Julio Canales and Natalio Villi are the four union workers, who face the frame-up charges as the result of an attack with knives and razors upon loyal union men by finks, during a regular meeting of the local.

Reverend Lane of the Presbyterian Church; Anita Whitney, beloved member of the Communist Party and who is herself facing sentence in the capitalist court; Kasper Bauer, and Ben Legere will speak at the meeting.

George Woolf, popular rank and file president of the Scalers will act as chairman and Pete Garcia, vice president, will deliver a speech in Spanish.

A skit will be played by members of the Scalers' Union, enacting the scene of which the frame-up was the outcome. The meeting will be held at the Building Trades Temple Auditorium, at 14th and Guerrero streets. Admission will be free.

SCABS TESTIFY AT TRIAL OF ALAS. MINERS

STRIKING MINERS FACE HOSTILE COURT

JUNEAU, Alaska, Dec. 2.—A directed verdict of not guilty was denied all but one of the 30 union miners on trial for "rioting," by Judge George Alexander.

Irwin Goodman, Portland, Ore., chief of the Defense Counsel for the members of the United Mine Workers, moved for the verdict on completion of territorial evidence. The judge ordered the release of Ed. Engstrom, one defendant, on grounds of insufficient evidence.

JUNEAU, Alaska, Nov. 29.—The wheels of "justice" moved with a vicious determination to gain the conviction of the 33 Juneau miners, charged with "rioting" during the Alaska-Juneau gold mine strike, as the prosecution presented over 70 well coached witnesses to testify against the strikers. Practically all these witnesses are imported strikebreakers and scabs, brought in from Seattle.

Typical of the whole case is the attitude of the judge, himself who constantly checks any attempt on the part of Defense Attorney Irwin Goodman, to expose the company frameup behind the case.

The company controlled local newspapers are attempting to whip up a lynch hysteria against the union men on trial, by grossly distorting all evidence presented in the court.

On behalf of the striking miners who have been waging an intense fight against overwhelming odds, the chairman of the Alaska Miners Defense Committee, E. R. Schultz, is in the Northwest visiting local unions in an effort to raise funds and support.

At the recent Maritime Fed. Fin. Convention, a resolution was adopted pledging full support to the miners in their lengthy strike.

UNION OF GAS STATION MEN IN S. F. GROWING

SAN FRANCISCO, Nov. 30.—Nothing aside from the regular routine developed at last night's meeting of the Labor Council.

The Filling Station Employees' Union reported an additional 250 new members recruited and announced that the small operators are signing agreements with the union quite readily. Standard Oil and McKale's stations are still holding out on their refusal to deal with the union.

The Street Carmen, Division 1004 (Market street lines) declared at least 90 per cent of the men on those lines have joined the union. One man who had scabbed during the General Strike was denied admission to the union. "Men who scabbed on the longshoremen," said the Carmen's delegate, "Are not wanted, even in hell."

I.L.A. SAILORS BAR SELL-OUT

(Continued from Page 1)
approved of this and also voted to send Henry Schmidt to Bridges. The Sailors' Union at its meeting last night refused to concur with the actions of the San Pedro branch in releasing the Katrina, thereby making it clear that the Sailors are standing with the San Francisco longshoremen, to block the selling out of the Gulf strikers, by the Ryan boss machine.

Gulf Repudiates Ryan.

NEW YORK.—Covering up his sell-out maneuvers, Joseph Ryan issued the "orders" for a strike against the remaining twenty-two companies sailing out of the Gulf. Ryan excluded the Luckenbach steamship company from the "strike" stating that they had signed an agreement with the I.L.A.

NEW ORLEANS.—Incensed at the attempted sell-out by Ryan, the local strike committee, declared that Luckenbach had not signed any agreement with the I.L.A. contract committee, and emphatically repudiated Ryan's statement.

"The Strike Committee has not released any ships. Our Negotiations Committee agreed to boycott all ships until a full decision was made." We are holding our own despite the police terror and the men are determined to fight for full settlement with ALL companies.

Federation Support Assured.

Meanwhile the decision of the executive committee of District Council No. 2, at the special meeting, will come up at the regular meeting of the Council, where it will be acted upon, to be sent to the other District Councils of Federation, for ratification. The recent Emergency Convention went on record as supporting any local or district of the Federation, that was threatened, while aiding the Gulf Longshoremen.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 28.—Before the rising tide of militancy on the part of maritime workers on both coasts, in their refusal to handle any war materials or man ships destined for Italy, Secretary of Labor Frances Perkins, gave her encouragement to these actions as in line with the administration's neutrality policy in the African War.

In a press conference she stated that arbitrators would support, as in line with the government's views, the stand of "Union laborers who struck against manning ships carrying materials to the belligerents." That the statement was made with her tongue in her cheek, is clearly seen, when she added, further, that the laborers should of course "refer their cases to arbitrators in the various ports for final decision."

Although this is the stand taken by the government—for the public—the ammunition makers and shipbuilders are quite in accord with this, as seen by the continued departure of war-laden ships for the Mediterranean. The case of the Oregon and her now infamous "dash to sea" loaded with scabs and war material makes Secretary Perkins' statement of "supporting labor in its stand," seem all the more ironical and questionable.

SPECIAL SHOW IN L.A. DEC. 8

SOCIAL WORKERS AND JOBLESS TO HEAR DISCUSSION

LOS ANGELES, Nov. 29.—Symbolizing the movement toward united action by unemployed workers and social workers, "Formation Left" will have a special performance here Sunday night, December 8th, at the Mayan Theater, 1044 So. Hill st., under the auspices of the Contemporary Theater.

A large number of social workers and unemployed workers are expected to pack the theater for the presentation of the play, which outlines "the necessity and practical steps for unity of the jobless and the 'case aids'."

Following the play, a symposium will be presented featuring Matilda Robbins, of the Social Workers' Discussion Clubs, and Pat Callahan, of the Los Angeles County Council of the Public Works and Unemployed Union. Other speakers will also discuss the problems raised by the play.

Last week, delegates representing 10,000 social workers from New York, Cleveland, Cincinnati, Detroit, St. Paul, Washington, Baltimore, Philadelphia, Newark, and several counties of Pennsylvania and Michigan, met in New

The Finger of American Capitalism In the Pie of Italian Imperialism

NEW YORK, Dec. 2.—The very real interest of American capitalism in the outcome of Mussolini's murderous adventure in Africa are revealed in a careful and authoritative compilation of figures presented by Harold Ward in the current issue of "Fight" magazine.

American Investments.

According to recent figures, private long-term investments in Italy, as of 1930, are reported as follows:

Direct investments of American corporations to Italy \$131,200,000
Loans to Italian government, incl. states and cities 141,900,000
Loans to Italian corporations: Government guaranteed 28,400,000
Private 108,600,000

That makes a total of \$400,000,000 staked on Mussolini's fascist State by American financial interests—and this is probably a conservative estimate—which, moreover, takes no account of numerous short-term loans and credits.

Suppose we confine ourselves to Italian bonds issued and outstanding in this country, and list a few of these which have been floated by the same Morgan interests which had so much to do with our "love" of France back in 1917-18:

Kingdom of Italy \$100,000,000
Fiat Works (rise in stock value of about 150%) 10,000,000

COMPETENT ANALYSIS OF THE INVESTMENTS OF AMERICAN CAPITALISTS IN ITALY

Italian Credit Consortium for Public Works 12,000,000
Italian Superpower Co. 22,250,000
Pirelli Co. (electric cables, rubber tires) 4,000,000

American Exports.

And that brings us to the second point: American exports to Italy. Note these facts, which were set forth in a recent issue of the authoritative London Economist: the United States normally supplies Italy with 58 per cent of her cotton imports (the largest single item), 11½ per cent of her iron and steel, 21 per cent of her oil, 50 per cent of her wheat, 25 per cent of her copper, and about 8 per cent of her machinery. During the 12-month period ending July, 1935, Italian cotton imports from the United States represented one-tenth the value of all American cotton exports—and the real war boom has just commenced.

Cashing In.

A few individual cases—aside from armament and munitions, which are difficult to isolate and which, in any case, Italian factories are quite capable of manufacturing from apparently "non-military" basic materials:

In the past twelve months American exports of scrap iron and steel have increased by

450 per cent over the normal annual figure for the eight years 1925-1933. 62,169 tons were shipped in July, 1935, as compared with slightly over 21,000 tons a year ago. The value of scrap shipments rose from \$240,367 in June to \$610,161 in July, 1935. Shipments of airplanes, motors and parts in the three months June-August, 1935, were valued at over \$300,000, against \$25,687 for the same period of 1934. American motor cars, busses and trucks were brought by Italy to the amount of over \$56,000 during the six months January-June, 1935; more than three times the figure for the period. In August, 1935, alone, motor car sales, at \$54,094, were thirteen times the value of shipments in the previous August. The Ford Company alone is responsible for some 2000 units, on order or made since March—all of them intended for Italy's Ethiopian forces. A high official of the U. S. Department of Commerce has stated that Massawa, chief port of the Italian colony of Eritrea, has become the largest import center in the world for American motor cars. In August, 1934, Italy's African colonies absorbed only about \$10,000 worth of American goods. Since the beginning of 1935 this colonial trade amounts to nearly \$2,000,000 monthly.

And what about oil? 'Who has oil empire!' runs the story—and 60 per cent of the world's oil production comes from the United States and dependencies. Now comes an item in the New York Times of November 6th, headed, OIL SALES TO ITALY BY U. S. GO UP 600 PER CENT—and—THE PRESIDENT LACKS POWER to stop shipments of this basic war essential.

During the past two months, the past two months, August and September, four full loads of various types of oil left for Italian ports—as against less than one tanker for the same period last year. That is, 38,443 barrels, compared with 65,478 barrels. During the same period (August-September, 1935) close to nine million barrels of oil left the Gulf ports of Galveston, Sabine (Texas), and New Orleans alone—last year the same two months registered oil shipments from these ports of a little over six and a half million barrels. There can be little doubt that Mussolini's tanks and aeroplanes are soaking up most of this flood of oil.

Reliable figures, broken down by products and regions, are still lacking for numerous other war commodities which find their way to the Italian front. Sanctions, embargoes, warnings, prohibitions about this, that and the other sound wonderful on paper over the President's signature. But the big trusts and combines (General Motors, Ford, Standard Oil, du Pont, U. S. Steel, etc.) are not in business for their health.

Sailors Endorse Mar. Fed. Policy On 'Job Action'

START ACTION TO REOPEN NEGOTIATIONS

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 3.—An abortive attempt to start immature "drastic action" in effort to secure the six-hour day, dollar an hour on steam schooners, failed when the membership at the regular headquarters meeting of the Sailors' Union of the Pacific voted to follow the policy adopted by the recent Maritime Federation Emergency Convention.

A copy of the telegram despatched to Madame Perkins, President Roosevelt, William Green, E. F. McGrady and V. A. Olander, by Harry Lundberg, demanding that pressure be brought to bear upon the shipowners to force them to reopen negotiations for collective bargaining, was approved by the meeting. Rank and file members decried any attempts at "job action" unless it is well organized and insures the support of all crafts concerned.

Herbert Mills, who is heading the rank and file slate for the secretary-treasurer's office and who is a member of executive committee of District Council No. 2, explained to the membership, that the weight of Maritime Federation was respected by the shipowners and waterfront employers. He cited numerous instances where disputes had been settled by the mere appearance of a committee representing the District Council of the Federation.

A representative of the Asbestos Workers' Union, Local 16, gave the thanks of his Union for the support received from the maritime unions in their fight to obtain contracts with various shipowners. On behalf of his Local, the delegate pledged full support to all the waterfront unions to any extent, at any times.

Rank and file representatives were elected to the Labor Relations Board in place of those appointed by International Executive Committee.

York to offer nation-wide cooperation with their relief efforts for mass action against the ending of Federal relief in this "most desperate winter for the unemployed."

The curtain will be at 8:15 p.m. on Sunday, Dec. 8th. Prices are 25, 35 and 50 cents, but unemployed workers will be admitted for 15 cents upon presentation of membership cards in the Public Works and Unemployed Union. The play is by Mildred Ashe and Jeff Kibre.

Union members: Raise the question of having your delegate to the Central Labor Council support recognition of unemployed organizations.

FEDERAL RELIEF STOPS AND FORCED LABOR SUBSTITUTED WPA Means Less Relief for Thousands, No Relief at All for Other Thousands

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here announces it will employ 9000 at wages ranging from \$44 to \$77 per month. The balance of Arizona's unemployed will have to find private employment, largely in the agricultural fields or depend on local charity.

The relief responsibility which this throws onto city and county governments is rousing heated disputes and controversies throughout the state.

Chief of Police C. M. Johnson is adopting the policy of driving out transients and if they return giving them maximum sentences on the municipal chain gang.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 2.—All Federal appropriations for direct relief have been shut off in all 48 states. Ultimatum has been issued to all unemployed of the nation that those who do not receive employment at forced labor under the WPA must depend upon whatever charity they can obtain locally.

LOS ANGELES MASS MEET

LOS ANGELES, Nov. 30.—Fighting the proposed institution of "garbage basket" relief on December 1st for those unemployed workers and their families who will not be given WPA jobs, 2500 workers launched a militant protest campaign here today in a mass meeting at the Plaza.

Demands voiced by the unemployed workers were: "Cash Relief—Not Garbage Baskets." "Jobs for All at Their Own Trades." "Prevailing Union Wages on All Projects." "One Hundred Per Cent Trade Union Organization in Los Angeles."

Leading speakers were Claire Lee Purdy, Sam Jones and Pat Callahan for the Public Works and Unemployed Union, which called the demonstration in this emergency for the unemployed.

CHALLENGED IN W.W. DRIVE

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However, one pair of silk pajamas and a pair of knitted socks are not enough to run a Bazaar for three or four days, according to the Arrangements Committee.

All money turned in for the sale of Bazaar tickets, raffle tickets—all money realized from the sale of articles turned in, goes on the quota, the Bazaar Committee has announced.

The "Daily Worker" achieved its \$60,000 sustaining fund. District 13 went over the top with a bang in that drive and must repeat for the WESTERN WORKER drive!

Harold Ashe, representing the Los Angeles Section of the Communist Party, made a strong plea for unity of action on the part of all organizations of labor or sympathetic to the aims of labor.

As a result of the order of Harry L. Hopkins, Roosevelt's relief "stooge" thousands of Los Angeles workers and their families are facing a return to basket aid, to wormy beans, withered carrots, bully "beef," waiting in line for hours for the meagre basket relief.

Strike Sentiment Grows.

Meanwhile, relief officials announced that 50,000 men were at work earning "security wages" under the county WPA program, and that 29,000 more would be at work Monday. Strike sentiments among the WPA workers were increasing as a result of the bad working conditions, non-union wages, and discrimination being practiced on the projects.

ETHIOPIANS IN COUNTER DRIVE

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"show down" that renders it the most crucial point of the whole war crisis to date.

NEW ORLEANS, Dec. 2.—Notice was served all exporters today by the Lykes Brothers-Ripley Steamship company and its subsidiary, the Tampa Inter-Ocean Steamship company that no fuel oil, scrap iron, steel, tractors, trucks, or copper would be accepted as cargo if consigned to Italian ports.

R. E. Tipton, vice president of the line, said: "We are accepting no more of this sort of cargo for belligerent nations because its transportations to countries which are at war is opposed to the policy of the United States government."

Since these two affiliated companies are the only ones operating vessels between Gulf ports and Italian ports, it is apparent that if any further shipments of murder cargo are made from the Gulf, it will have to be on foreign ships.

NEW YORK, Dec. 2.—Ballots taken among the more than 50,000 members of Christian and Congressional churches resulted in an overwhelming vote against war. About 8000 declared themselves ready to refuse to participate in any war whatsoever. 16,000 would support a war if the United States were invaded. 23,000 declared they would support a war "only after utmost use of every agency for peace."

SENATORS BACK OLYMPICS BAN

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ing Day, Ernest Lee Jahneke, another of the three American members of the International Olympic Committee, announced he would oppose American participation in the games.

Jahneke, of German descent, stated that he did "not believe that the German pledges with respect to Jewish athletes and other so-called non-Aryan athletes, have been kept."

Jahneke, in a letter to Dr. Le-wald, head of the German Olympic Committee, revealed that the raising of \$300,000 to send the American team to Berlin was meeting with considerable resistance.

Nazi Propaganda

A resolution opposing participation in the Olympics was adopted by the board of the National Assn. for the Advancement of Colored People.

Meanwhile, the 1936 Olympic Games were officially made part of the Nazi propaganda, with the appointment of Councilor Wilfred Bade of the Reich propaganda ministry to the organization minister. He will be expected to instill Nazi ideas in visiting athletes.

151 Delegates at L.A. Youth Meet Plan for Action

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Continuations Committee from the last regional congress, opened Saturday's session with a keynote speech calling for action by the youth for their demands. Despol acted as chairman of the first day, and Jeff Kibre, chairman of the presiding committee, and A. C. Rogers, secretary of the San Diego Federated Trade and Labor Council, held the chair today.

Greetings to the Congress were sent by Kate Crane Gartz, noted Pasadena liberal; Rev. Caldicott of the Unitarian Church, and Rev. Floyd J. Seaman, of the Grace Methodist Church.

A stirring report of the action taken by the seamen of the Oregon, freighter loaded with aviation gasoline for Fascist Italy, was given by Pritchard, member of the Oregon's crew and delegate from the International Seamen's Union.

In the resolution, the Congress went on record for youth cooperation with trade unions on the following points: that the A.Y.C. endorse the Lundeen Bill for Social and Unemployment Insurance; that it go on record demanding abolition of anti-picketing ordinances; that it set up a Central Speakers' Bureau providing speakers to both youth and labor groups; that it work toward endorsement of A.Y.C. by unions and central labor bodies; that the continuations committee work for an investigation of the rubber industry with a view to organization of the Los Angeles market, through trade union channels.

Under constitutional rights, the Congress endorsed abolition of the Criminal Syndicalism Law, repeal of the Leaders' Oath Bill, repeal of the Anti-Handbill City Ordinance. It also demanded abolition of the Red Squad, advocated support of the Citizen Committee striving to re-establish academic freedom at the University of California at Los Angeles; demanded release of Tom Mooney, Scottsboro boys, Angelo Herndon, Sacramento prisoners, Modesto victims, and Archie Brown, of the San Francisco ship scalers.

The continuations committee was authorized to investigate racial discrimination on WPA projects. Boycott of the Berlin Olympic Games was also adopted.

Support of the American Youth Act, drafting of a bill for a State Youth Act, and support of union organizations of A.Y.A. student workers, was adopted.

Holding of a mass meeting as soon as possible to mobilize youth sentiment around the Anti-War position of the A.Y.C. was expressed in a resolution, which also called for support of the student strike against war next April, support of policy of maritime workers in refusing to handle munitions and other war materials, support of the Nye-Kvale Bill for the abolition of compulsory military training.

At the close of the Congress, a new continuations committee of 45 was elected.

JAPAN MOVES IN NO. CHINA

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tionalist movement in China that has, up to now, comprised all the backing that the Kuomintang government could depend upon. This latest capitulation to the Japanese is resulting in sincere Nationalist forces discovering more identity of their aims with the Communists than with the Kuomintang, which is daily revealing itself as nothing more than an agency of foreign imperialism.

Action of the Japanese in the North is attributed to the rapid rise of Communist sentiment and the inability of Chiang to cope with the Red Army of Soviet China in the South, let alone the revolutionary unrest in the North.

Effective organization of unemployed will aid in maintaining union scales of pay. Demand that your union officials support such work.

ENGINEERS HIT 9-HOUR DAY IN TUGBOAT STRIKE

SUTHERLAND MATE TAKEN OFF SHIP AS CREW MAKES PROTEST

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 2.—While "the shipowners centered their efforts to breaking the Gulf longshore strike, they were assailed from another source, when the Marine Engineers Benevolent Association called its members off on strike on several Bay tow boats, in protest of the nine-hour day now in effect.

The engineers are demanding a contract guaranteeing \$200 a month wages \$1.00 an hour for overtime and an eight-hour day. A counter offer of a \$10 increase per month with the nine-hour day still the order, was turned down indignantly by the union. "The nine-hour day is a thing of the past," declared a spokesman for the Marine Engineers.

The Engineers are receiving the solid support of the Barge men, who man the tugs. Representatives of the Marine Engineers and the Towboat operators were to meet again today.

"Murder" Mate Removed

The crew of the Nelson freighter, Sutherland returned to their jobs when the second mate, with whom the crew refused to sail, was relieved of his berth. The crew, who attributed the recent drowning of one of the oilers to the gross neglect and indifference of the second mate, insisted he be removed from the vessel.

The fatal affair occurred off the coast of North Carolina, when the victim, Ralph Green, slipped on the wet deckload and went over the side. Although the mate was twice within twenty minutes given the "man overboard" warning, he did not put the ship about until the chief engineer aroused the skipper, some half an hour after the man had gone over the side.

The crew disagreed with the Local United States Steamboat Inspectors here, who whitewashed the mate of all blame and insisted that the mate must come off.

New Fight for Overtime

Refusing to clean tanks at the regular monthly wages of \$62.50, the crew of the Matson freighter, Diamond Head, are holding out for sixty cents an hour straight time, and a dollar an hour on their watch below. Due to the fact that this work is such that any clothing worn while carrying out this duty, is practically destroyed, it is felt that the demands are not by any means too much.

The company have as yet made no offer, but insists that it is part of the award. However, the fact is there is nothing at all in the agreement pertaining to this sort of work.

MORE ABOUT BRAZIL REVOLT

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several days. Many were killed including scores of government soldiers in Rio de Janeiro when President Vargas rushed airplanes there and proceeded to bomb the rich residential district in which the revolutionists had become entrenched.

Censorship.

Strict censorship was clamped on all news dispatches and the Chamber of Deputies voted to put the entire country under a 60-day state of siege. Regiments in the southern part of Brazil were reported in revolt as the workers, farmers, and soldiers continued to hold power despite premature optimistic government statements.

Finally all twenty states and two federal territories—comprising an area larger than that of the United States—were turned into a virtual armed camp. Throughout the country, persons suspected of being sympathetic to the revolt were thrown in jail, as police instituted a widespread radical roundup.

1300 Arrested.

At the present time it appears the revolt, temporarily at least, has been crushed. Thirteen hundred soldiers have been arrested and hundreds more are reported being held in jails throughout the country. Three hundred have been taken to the Isles of Flores, near the Rio harbor, for "safekeeping," according to news dispatches.

For the economic background of the present revolt in Brazil, see article on Page Six of this issue of the WESTERN WORKER.

FOREIGN NEWS

Briefs

Labor Party Victory Food Export Ban Tractor Plants Danish Nazi Boycott More News for Hearst

AUCKLAND, New Zealand—The Labor Party won a sweeping victory in the New Zealand elections, gaining 43 out of 63 seats so far heard from. In the last House of Representatives, elected in 1931, the National Government held 46 and the Labor Party 24 seats.

The Labor Party gained heavily in both urban and rural districts, especially in the latter.

BERLIN—The German government has put a ban on the export of food products such as fats, vegetable oils, and potatoes. The measure is due to the extreme scarcity of these products in the country.

Where butter is still sold, it is necessary to stand in line to buy the eighth of a pound that is being sold. Many stores have not waited for the government to issue ration cards, but are printing cards entitling their regular customers to a certain amount of butter daily. Without these cards they refuse to sell butter.

MOSCOW—The Stalingrad and Kharkov tractor plants have been setting new production records in November. Built to turn out 72 tractors in a seven-hour shift, or 144 a day, the Stalingrad plant turned out 160 tractors in a single shift, while 144 came from the Kharkov conveyor in seven hours. In the future both plants will work only a single shift.

Although they have exceeded the production capacities foreign experts had planned them for, the two plants are planning still further achievements. Next year they expect to produce a new, Soviet-designed caterpillar tractor with a diesel engine that will be twice as powerful as the ones now turned out.

COPENHAGEN, Den mark—The "Boycott the Nazi Olympic Games" campaign has gained momentum here as the result of a huge protest meeting held here. Similar meetings are being arranged throughout the country by the Scandinavian Committee for the Liberation of Ernst Thaelmann and All-Anti-Fascist Prisoners.

A conference of 50 well-known leaders in different fields convened here to consider the general question of fighting Hitlerism. It was decided to send a delegation to Germany to demand admission of the public and of foreign lawyers and observers to the Thaelmann trial, scheduled to open shortly.

Druids Hall Dance For Victims of C.S.

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 3.—Good union music, prizes and plenty of entertainment are planned at the dance to be given in Druids Hall here, Dec. 7, for the benefit of the Criminal Syndicalism victims.

All friends of organized labor are urged to attend. The affair is sponsored by the Conference for the Repeal of the Criminal Syndicalism Act, under which eight militant agricultural workers last year were framed and sent to state prisons.

BABY FARM OWNER SENT UP FOR CRUELTY TO TOTS

LOS ANGELES, Dec. 2.—Mrs. Helen Youngblood, baby farm operator trading on the problems created by senseless capitalist relationships now abolished in the Soviet Union, was today sentenced to 180 days in jail after admitting that she tortured and burned infants left in her care by working mothers. Mrs. Youngblood burned one boy's hand on the novel theory that playing with fire deserves burning as punishment and cure.

Thousands Cheer Anti-Fascists at L. A. Conference for Labor Party Drafts Four-Point Program

Turkey Served A la Fink With Scab Dressing

SAN JOSE, Calif., Nov. 28.—Police were called out today when one hundred employees of three Franco Brothers Food Stores walked out on strike against having to work on Thanksgiving.

Store managers called their wives and friends and spent the holiday scabbing under police protection.

Leaflet Law in San Jose Draws Heavy Protest

SAN JOSE, Calif., Dec. 2.—Vigorous protest of the recently passed handbill ordinance is expected in the City Council tonight when the measure comes up for final approval.

The bill is aimed at barring working class organizations from distributing leaflets.

More than fifty organizations have already lodged protest, including the Building Trades Central Labor Council, the Unitarian Laymen's League, the American Association of University Women of Palo Alto, many local unions and the Communist Party.

NOTED PROFESSOR FACED WITH MASSACHUSETTS BAN

BOSTON, Dec. 2.—Professor K. F. Mather, noted explorer and geologist whose membership in the American-Russian Institute for Cultural Relations with the Soviet Union has caused a reactionary storm in New England blue-nose circles, may be banned from scholastic circles unless he withdraws from cultural activity with the above organization and signs the "patriotic" oath requiring Massachusetts teachers to drop all independent thinking.

BOYCOTT THE BERLIN 1936 OLYMPIC GAMES

Support of Labor, Defense of Democratic Rights, Taxation of the Rich, and Better Unemployment Relief

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 2.—The Conference for Promotion of a Labor Party, which comprises the same United Front forces which put a Labor Ticket on the ballot in the recent municipal elections, adopted the following declaration of principles at the mass meeting in the Building Trades Temple on November 20.

Declaration of Principles

Recent developments in San Francisco have revealed the conflict that exists between the interests of the common people and those of the small but powerful group of employers.

This conflict shows the acute need for the people to adequately establish a protective unity through organization.

Knowing this, the large employers have launched a broad campaign designed to prevent and frustrate such unity of action among the people, with organized labor being made to bear the brunt of the attack.

However, the recent municipal election in San Francisco proved that definite progress has been made toward such unity of action among the people. While the successful uniting of forces for this campaign is an optimistic sign, the results of the election point to the need of extending and broadening the base of this people's united front.

Lessons of Election

The recent election has brought out the necessity of convincing the membership of the trade unions and the people generally of the need for breaking with the policy of supporting the old line political parties and candidates of Big Business, and creating a sentiment and movement for a Labor Party. Such action should be directed on a program of immediate demands—demands that are

common to the interests of all no matter what their political affiliations may be.

As a basis for such a program of action, the Conference for the Promotion of a Labor Party adopts the following four-point program:

- 1—Active support of labor's fight to improve its conditions.
- 2—The defense of all democratic rights. Opposition to Vigilantism.

a. The right to organize, strike and picket without interference.

b. The repeal of all laws restricting freedom of speech and freedom of assembly.

c. The repeal of all laws against picketing.

3—Support of a tax plan which will remove the burden of taxes from the small taxpayer to the large companies and public utilities.

4—More adequate unemployment relief without discrimination.

a. Enforcement of prevailing trade union wage scales on all PWA work.

b. Enactment of a program of socially useful public works.

c. Support for enactment of amendments to state and federal social laws to provide adequate protection for both employed and unemployed.

Every trade union, every progressive, liberal and radical group in S. F. is invited to join in adherence to this program. When an adequate base for a powerful organization has been established, the labor party will be officially launched, with a platform based on immediate demands designed to protect the interests of the masses of common people of this city.

Independence Assured

Affiliation to this conference and adherence to its four-point program does not infringe upon

General Johnson Not Fit to Be a Member of Union

WASHINGTON, D.C., Nov. 28.—General Hugh S. Johnson, former NRA head, was refused membership in the Washington chapter of the Newspaper Guild on grounds that he is a strike breaker.

To be exact, the newspapermen termed him "the most notorious strike breaker in America."

Since his retirement from the NRA, Johnson has been writing feature articles for the newspapers and made application to join the newspapermen's union.

Among more recent anti-labor activities, the newspapermen cited him for union breaking when he was operating a carpet factory in New Jersey. He also sought to prevent Guild representation on the Newspaper Industrial board.

The General was blacklisted in two separate ballots.

While all affiliated organizations pledge themselves to cooperate in joint action based on this program, each organization is left unhampered to carry on activity based on its full program, under its own auspices.

We recognize that the problems of the people of San Francisco are generally the same as those of the masses of people throughout the state and country. Our need for political unity on a platform based on immediate issues is not localized. Therefore, this conference indorses similar movements for political unity of all progressive forces on a state and national scale.

Adopted, San Francisco, Nov. 20, 1935.

Conference for Promotion of a Labor Party
68 Haight St., San Francisco

The Western Worker can be obtained at news stands. If your news dealer does not have it, ask him to stock it.

CROWD CHEERS AS OTTO KATZ SPEAKS OF ERNST THAELMANN

\$2000 Given at Trinity Auditorium to Aid Victims of Hitler Brutality

By John Broman.

LOS ANGELES, Nov. 30.—Militant tribute to the heroic, underground fighters against German fascism was paid last night by 2000 people packed into Trinity Auditorium to hear Mme. Sonja Branting and Otto Katz, leaders in the Lord Marley International Committee for the Relief of Victims of German Fascism.

When Katz mentioned Ernst Thaelmann, former Communist deputy in the Reichstag and now a victim of the Nazis, the crowd gave an enthusiastic demonstration lasting nearly one minute.

"No human tongue can tell of the suffering of the workers and middle-class people under German fascism," said Katz. "We underground workers in Germany appreciate the boycott against German goods, but no boycott will overthrow Hitler."

"No regime can be overthrown from the outside. The most important factor is the underground movement in Germany—very unromantic work, very sober work, very dangerous work. There are in Germany today 200,000 to 250,000 active underground workers, and a Nazi official recently estimated that 30,000,000 German people are opposed to Hitler."

"What are these men fighting for? What do they want? They want a legal existence, they want peace, liberty, freedom."

Katz made a stirring plea for financial support of the German underground anti-fascists. Approximately \$2000 was raised at this meeting and at a banquet given here.

War Danger.

"You must not only show your interest in fighting fascism," said Mme. Branting, "but you must participate in united activity of all who are against fascism. The war danger is so great now, so overwhelming, that it is the first thing we should consider."

Mme. Branting, a "mediator" in the Stockholm court, is daughter of the late Hjalmar Branting, Prime Minister of Sweden, and brother to George Branting, a leader of the Social Democratic Party of Sweden and a member of the Swedish Senate. She is married to Olaf Westerstaal, well-known liberal lawyer.

Earlier Mme. Branting and Katz spoke to 300 women at the Knickerbocker Hotel. Mme. Branting expressed surprise at the strength of anti-fascist feeling here.

"Women must act in solidarity with men," she said. "We must act if we want to secure our safety! We must go everywhere men go, in business, in professions, in parliament. Be very, very watchful. You are here in a democratic country where you still have the power to meet, to speak and to act."

Katz told of the many underground newspapers printed in Germany.

"When 40 men were arrested recently and tortured two days and two nights in the presence of their wives and children," he said, "they would not give information as to who published the newspapers, who got out the leaflets. Even when their wives were tortured in adjoining rooms and the men had to endure their screams, they would not give the information wanted."

At the Trinity Auditorium, a resolution demanding that America withdraw from the 1936 Olympic Games in Berlin and that all German political prisoners be immediately released, was unanimously adopted. Copies were ordered sent to the American Olympic Committee, President Roosevelt, and the German Embassy in Washington.

Katz is secretary of the World Committee for Defense of Victims of German Fascism.

EAST OF THE Rockies

One-Man Locomotives Bankers and Liquor Tailors Arrested Auto Unions Yellow Dog Contract

CHICAGO—(FP)—Nearly complete returns from the 1500 locomotive firemen on the Burlington show overwhelming strike sentiment against the one-man engine crews on the road's Diesel locomotives. Brotherhood of Locomotive Firemen and Enginemen sources declare. Even the crack Zephyr trains are operated with only one man in the cab, the road admits. Public safety and job rights of firemen are involved but the company refuses to change its policy. A strike would involve firemen on two-man crews on regular locomotives as well.

Unless the government mediation board is able to step in or the road changes its arbitrary stand Burlington traffic may be tied up in December.

NEW ORLEANS—(FP)—Liquor, tens of thousands of dollars worth of it, flowed freely at the recent convention of the American Bankers Assn. at New Orleans. In the hotel suite occupied by the Chase Natl. Bank of New York, it is reported that \$3,000 worth of champagne was served free to guests as a means of building "good will." New Orleans is the metropolis of a vast plantation area over which the banks are rapidly assuming control, while sharecroppers and small farmers sink into abject misery.

NEW YORK—(FP)—Twenty-four striking union tailors were arrested when they picketed the big John Wanamaker department store in New York, but were freed when their cases came up in court. The strikers, members of Journeymen Tailors Int'l Union Local No. 1, are demanding restoration of the 1929 wage scale.

WASHINGTON—(FP)—Following a conference with a delegation representing the A. F. of L. auto workers unions in Cleveland, John L. Lewis, chairman of the newly organized Committee for Industrial Organization, has sent Adolph Germer, a representative of the United Mine Workers to observe and report on the auto situation.

Germer will make his report to the next meeting of the Committee, which is expected to be held early in December. Reports will also be made on the situation in other mass production industries, where the Committee hopes to be of assistance in bringing the unorganized and independent unions into the A. F. of L.

CINCINNATI—(FP)—The Ohio Custom Garment Co. of Cincinnati, facing charges before the Regional Labor Board of rejecting collective bargaining and imposing yellow dog contracts on its employees, has filed action in U. S. District Court to enjoin hearing of the complaint and to declare the Wagner-Connelly labor disputes act unconstitutional.

This dual suit by the garment company, whose employees have been on strike under the leadership of the Amalgamated Clothing Workers of America for 10 weeks, forestalls a scheduled hearing on the union's complaint.

1200 Attend Annual ILD Concert in L.A.

LOS ANGELES, Dec. 1.—In the most successful left-wing musical event of the year, the International Labor Defense attracted some 1200 workers to its annual concert here last night at the Mason Opera House.

Outstanding in the excellent program were two revolutionary dances, "Dictator" and "Dance Into Solidarity," performed with artistry by the Horton Dance Group. Music by S. Cutner added to their effectiveness.

Other outstanding artists participating were the Jasha Borowsky Trio, from the Biltmore Hotel; Leo J. Malanot, concerto soloist; Junior Mandolin Orchestra; Miss Halpern, dancer; Eugene Estes, pianist; Leola Longress, soprano; Mr. Matthews, violinist, and the Rebel Players. G. Johnson, leading labor defense attorney, spoke on the necessity for solidly supporting class war prisoners and their families, the victims of the fight of the masses against capitalist oppression.

Congress Decisions Take Form in France Today

Decision Whether Or Not to Form Popular Front Government Is Issue As Croix de Feu Attacks Anti-Fascists

By Theodore Repaid.

In France, the forces of fascism and the forces of the People's Front are coming to grips with a severity matched in no other country in the world.

The most important of the decisions of the Seventh World Congress of the Communist International are taking on flesh and blood in France today. Tasks which we in America have not yet reached are already on the order of the day in France.

Most important of all are the lessons to be learned and mastered in connection with the People's Front and the People's Front government.

A word of caution is necessary. Events follow events so rapidly—this is precisely characteristic of a situation in which revolutionary events beckon—that, in certain details, especially as concerns the time factor, it is hazardous to gauge the situation today by the relationship of forces as they existed yesterday. Given this necessary limitation, the trend of events is, however, clear.

Acute Problems.

Tremendous political ferment has taken place in France since the great street battles of February 6, when the spontaneously formed united front of Communist and Socialist workers beat back a fascist bid for power. The People's Front has been solidified but its problems have also become more acute. The fascist forces led by the Croix de Feu under Colonel de la Rocque are straining at the leash and provocation follows provocation.

The fascists are armed. They have the backing of many of the greatest financiers in France. They carry on secret mobilizations and military drill. They sweep through France in corps of armed trucks,

Many of their members are retired army officers.

The present government in France, headed by Pierre Laval, gives the fascists an open hand! He does not disarm them. Nobody was arrested after the fascists fired at the Socialists in Limoges last Saturday. Laval has followed this policy of toleration to the right and cracking down on the workers from the beginning because his government leans upon the extreme right, including the fascists, for its support. To move against them would be political suicide. Hence, more and more he is finding it necessary to take an open reactionary position without the demagogic cloak.

People's Front.

Against these forces of blackness and enslavement of the French masses stand the forces of the People's Front. The basic forces in the People's Front are the Socialists, Communists and Radical-Socialists, a coalition of working class and lower middle class forces. Bit by bit, the People's Front in France has taken shape, has clarified its program, united its ranks. This could be seen from the results of the last senatorial elections.

At the same time, however, the tasks and problems have become greater and the process of differentiation within the ranks of the People's Front has speeded up. It cannot be said, for example, that the Radical-Socialists can all be lumped together in one sack. As the situation becomes more tense, choices have become sharper and Parties such as the Radical-Socialists are forced to choose between alternatives which previously were not yet fully matured.

What of the economic background?

In very brief, the essential fact is that France, alone among the

capitalist powers, is still sinking deeper and deeper into the economic crisis. France was the last of the great capitalist powers to enter the economic morass. But it is the only one which has not yet emerged from the bottom of the depression.

French industrial production is still below that of 1931-32. All the other capitalist nations have risen above that low point.

Foreign trade is still stagnating. If the first three-quarters of 1935 is compared with that of 1934, then the total value of French foreign trade has decreased by 12 per cent. The total tonnage of exported manufacturing goods has declined by 16 per cent in the same period.

Unemployment.

Unemployment in France is still rising. In this respect, France may be unfavorably compared with the rest of the capitalist world also.

In this situation—which we have only sketched—the parties of the People's Front cannot avoid drawing political balance-sheets. Shall Laval be overthrown today or has the situation not sufficiently matured? If the Laval government is overthrown, what shall take its place—a People's Front or a Radical-Socialist government? If it is to be a People's Front Government, what shall be its tasks?

For to take part in a government and then not to know what to do with that power, to be caught unprepared after political power nominally has been assumed, is the most inexcusable of all political blunders—more a crime than a blunder.

Later reports indicate that the leadership of the French Socialist Party now proposes the formation of a People's Front government—they do not have sufficient parliamentary power to form a government alone—for the express and limited purpose of dissolving the fascist leagues. The next step would be to dissolve Parliament and then to order new elections. The People's Front will then catch

its breath, so to speak, and take stock of the situation.

Class War.

The People's Front Government leads not to civil peace but to open class war. That is why it cannot be utilized everywhere at any time. Dimitroff's conditions for the People's Front Government, as stated in his report at the Seventh Congress, cannot be improved.

"First, the state apparatus of the bourgeoisie must already be sufficiently disorganized and paralyzed so that the bourgeoisie cannot prevent the formation of a government of struggle against reaction and fascism."

"Secondly, when the broadest masses of toilers, particularly the mass trade unions must be in a violent state of revolt against fascism and reaction, but are not yet ready to rise in insurrection, to fight under Communist Party leadership for the achievement of Soviet power."

"Thirdly, the differentiation and leftward movement in the ranks of Social Democracy and other parties participating in the united front must already have reached the point where a considerable proportion of them demand ruthless measures against the fascists and the other reactionaries, struggle together with the Communists against fascism, and openly come out against that reactionary section of their own party which is hostile to Communism."

Under any other conditions, as Maurice Thorez stated in a speech on October 17, a so-called People's Front Government can only be a coalition of the bourgeoisie out of the fire. It will discredit itself before the masses because it does not undertake a fundamental reconstruction of society. It will retard working class struggles just as the Labor Party government in Great Britain in 1927 set the movement back.

Communist Realism.

The proposals of the Socialist

Communists, Always Realists, Propose a Positive Class Struggle Program to Weaken Strength of Bourgeoisie

leaders on this issue are thus not acceptable to the Communist Party in France. The Socialists propose a government solely against the fascist leagues. The Communists propose a government both against the rich, to make the rich pay for the fascist leagues and also against the economic crisis. The positive program will lead to greater and greater struggles to the struggle for a Soviet France. The negative struggle will probably lead to a terrible deflation, to lowering the buying power of the masses.

But the internal economic crisis, the world crisis, Mussolini's invasion of Ethiopia, Japan's attack upon China, the colonial upsurge in Egypt, Africa and the East, the increased provocations of the fascist leagues—all these forces are pushing the Parties of the People's Front farther and farther away from compromise and coalition with the bourgeoisie to a positive program of struggle side by side with the Communists.

The Radical-Socialists appear to be reluctant to support such a program. Herriot, the leader of the Party, fearing any drastic step at this time, follows the typical, shortsighted policy of the "lesser evil." He is supporting laws in order not to upset the apple cart and thus run the risk of being politically demolished—either from the left or from the right. He is putting his money on doing as little as possible, hoping that the ill winds of political and economic crisis will somehow blow over.

Lenin Policy.

Of course, the policy is illusory. Laval and the fascists take the initiative. To take no positive steps is to countenance the positive steps of the enemy. That is why Herriot's position is becoming increasingly precarious, notwithstanding his recent re-election as head of the Radical-Socialist Party. The Communist Party of France,

following traditional Leninist policy, will never agree to becoming the tail of a bourgeois government, of a "lesser evil" government. That is why the Communists now demand that if a People's Front government is to be formed it must do more than the Socialists envision and it must break most sharply with the policy of Laval, as Herriot at present does not seem ready to do.

The Communists are not simply content with entering a government which seeks only to dissolve the fascist leagues. For after the suppression, what? Suppose the fascist leagues choose to fight—what? What is the People's Front government going to do about the demands of the people for bread?

Want Positive Plan.

The Communists demand a positive program which will weaken the strength of the French bourgeoisie, which will hasten the conclusive defeat of fascism, the overthrow of capitalism and the establishment of a worker's government, Soviet Power. The Communists demand "that such a government carry out definite and fundamental revolutionary demands required by the situation. For instance, control of production, control of banks, disbanding of the police, its replacement by an armed workers' militia, etc.," as Dimitroff declared at the Seventh World Congress of the Communist International. And this is a horse of a different color.

The People's Front Government which the Communists will support is a government of struggle against fascism and reaction which will lead to the complete overthrow of capitalism. But for this, the Socialist leaders—or many of them, at any rate—do not yet appear prepared.

Rip Tides

By LaMaie

Sure the system is okay . . . all it needs is a little fixin' . . . that's what some of these so-called "liberals" say. . . . The crew of the Sutherland have a different opinion of what "it" needs. . . . Read and digest. . . . It was off the coast of South Carolina. The good ship, Sutherland, with her holds full of cargo and her decks piled high with lumber, plowed through night. . . . In his bunk sound asleep dreaming of the welcome he would receive from the port captain for the successful completion of another trip at a minimum expense and maximum profit for Mr. Tyson . . . (lord, master of the Nelson Lines) reposed the skipper. . . . On the bridge . . . the second mate, not asleep, but dreaming nevertheless, leaned idly over a chart . . . at the wheel, the able-bodied seaman dreamed pleasantly of the time when there would be four watches instead of three as he recalled a conversation with a fellow seaman off a ship flying the Sickle and Hammer . . . he reached lazily for the bell-cord . . . 1:28, two minutes before three bells . . . his hand stayed in mid-air as his watch partner suddenly burst through the weather door . . . "Where's the mate? There's a man overboard!" The helmsman, now thoroughly awake, clutched the wheel in both hands waiting for the command, "Hard over" . . . it failed to materialize . . . "you're dreaming," came from the chartroom . . . the lookout went below . . . twelve minutes later, 1:40 to be exact . . . the alarm "man overboard" was heard again. Still no response from the second mate . . . 1:55, twenty-seven minutes later . . . the skipper finally was roused out of his bunk by the chief engineer and the helmsman at last received the command to swing the ship about . . . a futile gesture . . . somewhere in the Stygian darkness six miles back in the ship's wake, one more sacrifice had been made to the "system" . . . Morning . . .

It was an irate crew that sat down to a dispirited breakfast . . . On the after-deck load was an oily mark of the heel of a shoe . . . mute testimony of the fate of Ralph Green . . . "It wasn't an accident, it was murder, I tell ya," spoke up another oiler, a ring of bitterness in his voice . . . "You're right," affirmed one of A.B.'s. "Well, who are you going to blame for it?" asked another . . . "If the life-line was up on the deckload like it's supposed to be, Ralph would still be here, so whoever is responsible for this neglect is responsible for the murder," opined the cook as he motioned across the decks to where the life-lines were conspicuous by their absence. "What the hell was that mate doing?" growled some one else. "He was afraid it was a false alarm and he might get hell for delaying the ship, I guess," vouched the A.B. who was studying navigation to get his "ticket" . . . "I think I'll stick on deck where I am" . . . Five weeks later, the vessel pulled into her home port of San Francisco . . . "After thorough investigation we absolve the captain and second mate of all blame in the drowning of Ralph Green" . . . was the gist of the report made by the local office of the U. S. Steamboat Inspectors . . . Not one of the crew was called into this "investigation" . . . Sure the system is okay . . . for you? Ask any of the crew of the Sutherland, they'll give you the correct answer . . .

Secretary Hull says, "No war materials should be shipped to Italy" . . . Looks like an open and shut case of Criminal Syndicalism against the owners of the steamship, Oregon.

"California students taunt Stanford students with Nazi salute at conclusion of Big Game," states the P. P. (Paid Press) . . . we hope for their sakes, that no California athletes take part in the future Olympics to be held in Hitlerland . . . Little Adolf may remember this instance.

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COP SURPRISED WHEN CROWD REFUSES TO 'SMASH' YOUNG WORKERS ARRESTED AT MEET

TELEPHONE PROTESTS FROM INDIGENT CITIZENS GAIN FREEDOM FOR TWO IN SHORT ORDER

By a Worker Correspondent

HOLLYWOOD, Calif.—After arresting two young workers for making an anti-war speech in a free speech zone near the corner of Hollywood Blvd. and Whitley Ave., Officer No. 413 invited any citizen, who so desired, to smash their faces.

Gene Dunn and Dorothy Zadow, members of the Young Communist League, were speaking against war and fascism and in behalf of The American Youth Congress. At the behest of an old withered she-fascist, Officer No. 413, who directs traffic at this corner, placed the two young people under arrest.

The officer made the arrest on the rapid one hundred per cent charge that "they were speaking about President Roosevelt." As they were leaving the jail Officer No. 413 said to them, "If I ever meet you when I am in civilian clothes I'll smash hell out of you!"

Their answer: "Officer, we have nothing against you. You have a wife and children to support. You recently took a 10 per cent cut in wages. It is a fault of the system that you must work at such a dirty job to make a living." He calmed down a few degrees and muttered, "Well, anyway, the next time you have to make a speech, do it 50 feet from the corner."

Consumers Research Found Responsible

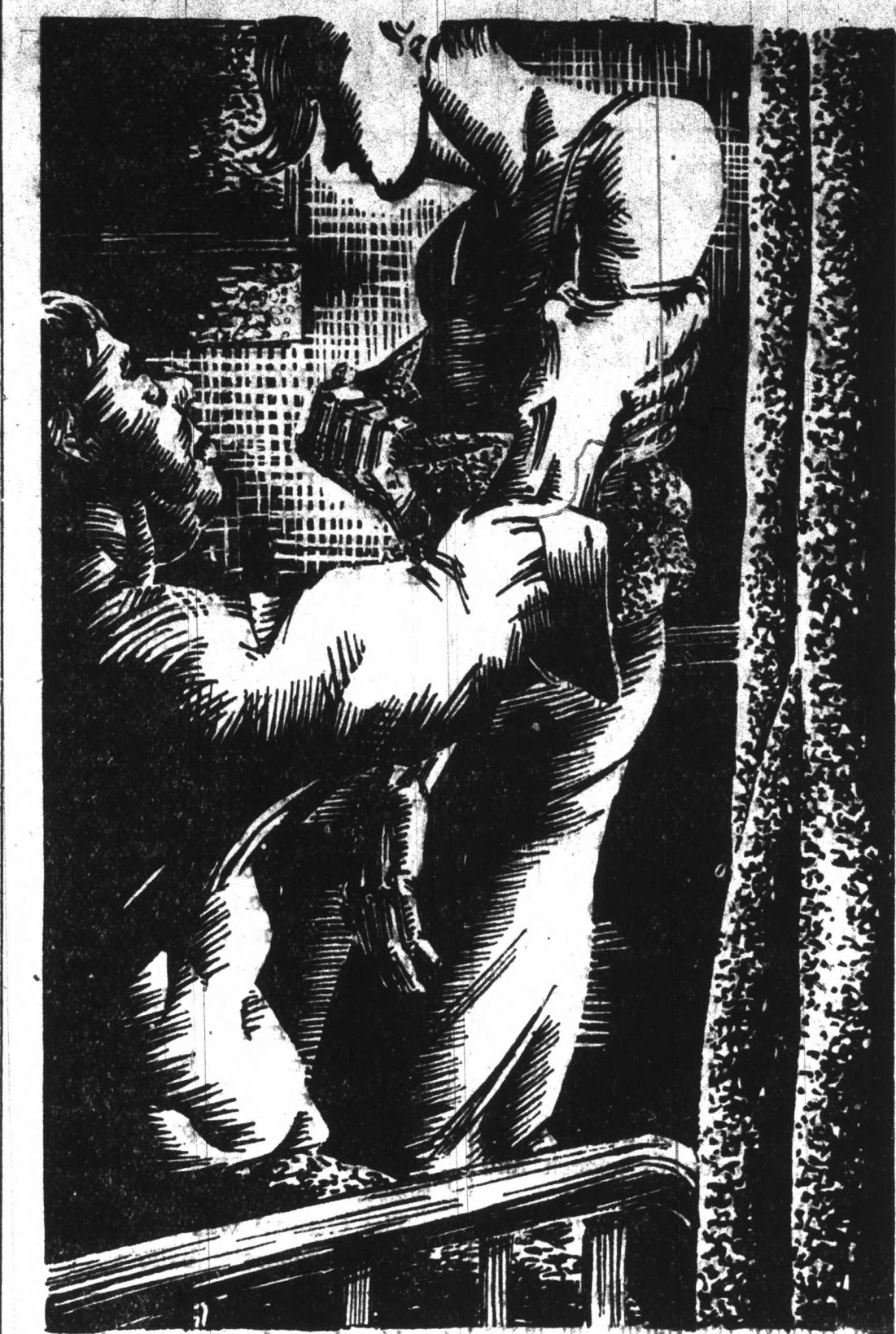
NEW YORK, Dec. 2.—Report of an impartial investigating committee on the strike at the Consumers' Research shows that three workers there were fired without cause and the C. R. has since refused to consider mediation or arbitration of the dispute.

The committee found that the Consumers' Research is a non-profit agency with 55,000 subscribers, but the articles of incorporation provide for only five members, who choose a board of directors of five. Complete control in this small group tends to promote arbitrary and capricious management.

The employment of armed guards by the management, the provocative tactics of these guards, the resort to violence and the usual anti-labor tactics of employers were severely condemned.

Among the members of the investigating committee were Reinhold Niebuhr, Roger Baldwin, George S. Counts, and Norman Thomas.

Last Resort



BY BEAU VINCENT

STAHLHELM TO CARRY ON FOR HITLER IN U.S.

PROPAGANDA WORK TO BE CONTINUED BY NAZIS

NEW YORK, Dec. 2.—Hitler ordered the dissolution of the Stahlhelm, organization of German war veterans, because he feared the danger of organized action as a result of increasing dissatisfaction of the masses with the high profits, high prices, and low wage Nazi policies.

But in the United States the Stahlhelm will carry on, according to its commander, Baron Eberhard von Schroetter. He stated he had wired to Hitler for his approval of that course.

Objects of the Stahlhelm in

the United States will be to carry on Nazi propaganda. This was virtually admitted by Schroetter when he said that the Stahlhelm was dissolved because its purposes have been accomplished in Germany, but not here.

His order to continue the Stahlhelm opened with a "most emphatic warning to the members against any adverse criticism of the measures taken by the Fuehrer against the Stahlhelm in Germany."

The Stahlhelm, along with the Friends of New Germany, are chief Nazi propaganda agencies in the United States.

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New Oakland Union Gets AFL Charter

WORK RESUMED ON LOW LEVEL TUNNEL

By a Worker Correspondent.

OAKLAND, Calif.—Mining operations in the Broadway low level tunnel, which were stilled by the disastrous cave-in and death of three workers more than two months ago, have again been resumed.

The union members believe their organization will grow rapidly, now that the tunnel men are returning to work, and feel that before long they will be in a position to demand their grievances with the "Six Companies" be adjusted.

A charter for the union has been received from the International office of the "Mine, Mill, and Smelter Workers Union," an A. F. of L. affiliate.

The local union will hereafter be known as the "Tunnel, Aqueduct, and Subway Workers' Union," Local No. 53.

District Council Of Maritime Fed. To Aid Musicians

SAN FRANCISCO, Nov. 28.—Although the District Council No. 2 of the Maritime Federation of the Pacific had a lengthy meeting discussing the minutes of the recent Emergency Convention, time was found to discuss the question of supporting the Musicians' Union in their efforts to organize the musicians sailing on ships plying out of the San Francisco Bay Area. A committee of five was elected to investigate the question and bring back a report as to what steps to take to back the Musicians' Union, to the extent of a strike.

A committee of three was elected to investigate the matter of the American Hawaiian Company retaining five scabs on the pier despite the protest of the Seafarers' Union. Harry Bridges, M. Rathborne, and Ole Olsen were designated as the committee.

On the issue of the garbage vessel strike, the District Council recommended that the Unions involved get together and outline a uniform program of action for the approval of the Council.

COP ENFORCES SILENCE BEFORE CITY COUNCIL

PROTEST ON CONDITIONS IN L. A. JAIL BANNED

By a Worker Correspondent.

LOS ANGELES—Using a show of force, the City Council again denied an open hearing to the delegation of workers who have gone to the Council and Police Commission time and again to protest against the treatment accorded political prisoners in the local jail.

Refused a place on the agenda on the grounds that the Council would take no action until they had a report from the Police Commission, the delegation of well over a hundred people spent most of the morning in the Council Chamber, hoping that they would be heard. Becoming impatient of their tenacity, Chairman Burns finally told them they might as well leave as they would not be permitted the floor.

The spokeswoman for the delegation then demanded that they be given a hearing. "We are tired of being given the run around," she said. "We went to the Police Commission over two weeks ago, and when one of our speakers refused to give her home address on the grounds that members of the Red Squad were present, the Police Commission declared its meeting adjourned. We have had no results from the Police Commission. Nor are we able enough to expect that body to indict itself."

Before the speaker had reached the middle of her speech Burns ordered her to sit down. When she continued, the burly policeman on duty took her by the arms and attempted to put her out of the room. She was successful in getting into a row of seats, however.

The workers' committee plans further action on this year-old issue.

ARTISTS AGAINST WAR

AMES, Ia., Nov. 29.—One hundred and fifty artists at a meeting here pledged themselves that in event of war they will refuse to lend their talents to making posters or any other sort of propaganda in the furtherance of mass murder.

Industrial Unionism Will Bring Unorganized Into A. F. L.

COMMUNISTS SUPPORT PROGRESSIVE MOVES NOW UNDER WAY

FOSTER GIVES POSITION OF COMMUNISTS ON LEWIS' POLICIES

By William Z. Foster.

The necessity of organizing the unorganized workers into the A. F. of L., on the basis of the industrial union form of organization, is now the key problem, which is of far reaching importance to the American labor movement. In order to lower wages and to press down living standards, thus maintaining profits, the employers have launched a union smashing, strikebreaking drive against labor. Fascist trends and strikebreaking terror are increasing.

The setting up of a Committee for Industrial Organization by eight presidents of A. F. of L. industrial unions, and the recent resignation of John L. Lewis from the vice presidency of the A. F. of L. also brings sharply to the front the question of the struggle for building the unions on an industrial basis.

The only effective answer which labor can make to the present attacks of the employers is to unify the whole working class, to bring the millions of unorganized workers into the A. F. of L. to build and strengthen the unions, especially in the basic, mass production industries, and thus prepare successful struggles against the employers' anti-union drive now being directed by the Roosevelt government.

Industrial Form is Needed.

But, as the progressive bloc at the Atlantic City convention of the American Federation of Labor brought out, the workers cannot be united, nor can the unorganized be brought into the unions on any other basis than organization into industrial unions. The failure of the Executive Council of the A. F. of L. to organize the unorganized workers in the steel, auto, metal mining, rubber, cement and other industries during the past year, on the basis of the time worn craft policies, proves that the workers refuse to join the union when they are divided into numerous craft organizations.

Unity of action is impossible when the workers are split up within the factory and industry into many craft unions. The proof of the pudding is in the eating. The fact is that in 55 years the Executive Council has failed to organize the millions of unorganized workers because the A. F. of L. leadership clung to the antiquated craft divisions.

Craft Form Divides Workers.

Division into craft unions has encouraged strikebreaking in numerous strikes. In the auto industry today, we see Francis Dillon, appointed president of the A. F. of L. Auto Union, marching members of the union through the picket line of the Motors Product Co. strikers. Had the Executive Council agreed to the demand of the auto workers that they be organized into an all inclusive industrial union, the auto workers would have built the A. F. of L. The insistence of William Green, on restricting the auto union charter, and dividing the auto workers on the basis of numerous crafts unions, gave encouragement to the development of independent auto unions and divided the auto workers. Craft divisions make an effective fight against company unions more difficult, as was seen in the steel industry.

The membership of the A. F. of L., as well as the unorganized workers, are aware of these facts. The A. F. of L. members, both in the industrial unions and in the craft unions, want to unify the workers in industrial unions.

The Convention Vote.

In his recent statement attacking the Committee for Industrial Organization, headed by John L. Lewis, William Green stated that the A. F. of L. membership are opposed to industrial unionism. This is not true, and Green has no mandate to make such a statement. Green has not consulted the wishes of the membership in any form. Green can speak only for a group of reactionary officials who are stifling the democratic expression of their members.

The vote of 18,000 cast by these craft union leaders at the Atlantic City convention (as against the 11,000 votes cast for industrial unions) did not express the desires of the craft union members. There are scores of thousands of members in the craft unions who have gone on record for progressive measures and for industrial unions as the only possible form of organization, in a drive to build the unions in the mass production industries.

Does Not Express Will of Members.

For instance, William Hutcheson, head of the Carpenters' Union, and six other high officials of the Carpenters' Union cast 2000 votes at the convention (for 200,000 members), against the industrial unions. But Hutcheson and his machine is so hated by the membership that he has not dared to call a convention of the union for years. Hutcheson does not dare to allow the membership to express itself on the industrial union issue.

Six officials of the Weber-Weaver-Canavan machine in the Musicians' Union cast 1000 votes of the convention for maintenance of craft divisions. But the New York local, the largest local in the entire union, has a progressive administration which defeated the same Weber-Weaver-Canavan machine in the last elections on a progressive platform of united front of all the workers. This New York local, and thousands of other musicians, were not represented at the convention on the issue of industrial unions.

In the painters' union, the Lir del machine cast 656 votes against industrial unions. The dozens of progressive painters' locals, such as Local 848 in New York City, were disfranchised in this vote. The Machinists' Union went on record for industrial unions years ago, and have never rescinded this action. But A. Wharton cast the 925 votes of the Machinists' Union against industrial unions.

How to Strengthen Unions.

The reactionary majority of the Executive Council, in preventing

the organization of the unorganized workers into industrial unions, are trying to crush every vestige of democracy within the unions. The majority of the A. F. of L. members favor an organization drive. The craft union members realize that by being divided into craft unions their own interests are being injured and their own struggle for their demands weakened. The building of the industrial unions in the mass production industries would strengthen the entire trade union movement and better the conditions of those now split up in craft unions. Green does not express the wishes or the interests of the members of the A. F. of L.

The millions of unorganized workers in the American Federation of Labor are now looking with hope towards the A. F. of L., feeling that at long last a real organizing campaign will be carried on. The sentiment of the steel workers now in company unions, for joining the A. F. of L., is a sign of the strong urge among the unorganized workers for getting into the unions.

Stand of the Communists.

The Committee on Industrial Organization, headed by Lewis, composed of eight presidents of A. F. of L. industrial unions, has declared that its purpose is to unify and strengthen the A. F. of L. to organize these unorganized workers in the basic industries into the A. F. of L. They declare they will agitate within the A. F. of L. for the industrial form of organization.

The Communists have always fought for such an organizing campaign to build and strengthen the A. F. of L. and to unify the workers in industrial unions. The Communists support this struggle. Of course, the Communists have differences with many of the major principles of John L. Lewis. Lewis is now opposed to the Farmer-Labor party movement which would strengthen the fight for industrial unions as well as for all progressive measures. Instead, Lewis still supports Pres. Roosevelt whose party has launched a

murderous strike-breaking terror in the South. In Alabama and Kentucky, Democratic Party officials have sent deputized gunmen and sheriffs to kill striking members of the United Mine Workers with machine gun bullets. The Communists point out the inconsistency of Lewis supporting such a party. Lewis speaks of fascism and Communism in the same breath. He lumps together fascism, the murderous, open, violent dictatorship of the employers which suppressed all workers' democratic rights in order to maintain a profit system, and Communism, which means democracy for all who toil, and the rule of the broadest millions of toilers in the interests not of profits but of benefiting all toilers. Certainly the Communists differ with such policies.

Support of Lewis' Struggle.

But the Communist Party supports the struggle of Lewis and all others in their fight to achieve the unity and strengthening of the A. F. of L. unions through elimination of craft barriers. The Communists will as they always have support with all their energies the movement for organizing the unorganized workers into A. F. of L. industrial unions.

Following the setting up of the Committee on Industrial Organization and the resignation of Lewis from the Executive Council of the A. F. of L., enemies of the labor movement are crying "split." But those advocating industrial unions in the A. F. of L. are trying to achieve UNITY of the workers, are trying to wipe out all separations caused by craft groupings. William Green flouting the wishes of the membership, is the one who is dividing the workers on the basis of numerous craft barriers. The Communists advocate industrial unions because that is the only way to bring the unorganized millions into the A. F. of L. that is the only way to strengthen the A. F. of L. in the struggle against the attacks of the employers, that is the only way to UNITE the workers and do away with craft divisions.

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ON THE LABOR DEFENSE FRONT

A Letter From the Four Ship Scalpers in the County Jail; Their Case Dramatized

Dec. 8th, 8 p. m., Building Trades Temple: Mass meeting, Protest Ship Scalpers' frameup.
Dec. 9, 10 a. m., Judge Lazarus' court, Leo Gallagher, et al., continuation of "rioting" case.
Dec. 11, 10 a. m., Judge Jacks' court: Archie Brown, et al. murder.

The mass meeting which will be held at Building Trades Temple, 14th and Guerrero sts., next Sunday night, Dec. 8, at 8 p. m. to protest against the Ship Scalpers' "frameup," has an extra "fillip" attached.

For the elucidation of the audience, the fight which occurred at the Ship Scalpers' union meeting and resulted in charges of murder being pinned on four of the militant members of the union will be re-enacted in the form of a dramatic skit.

Those who attend the mass meeting will be able to see for themselves just what happened the night in question and be able to judge the nature of the "frameup" on which the contractors and the San Francisco Industrial Association have collaborated.

Who is the playwright? None other than George Woolf, president of the Ship Scalpers' union. From the four ship scalpers, who are going to stand trial Dec. 9 for murder because of their union activities, the following letter has been received:

November 27, 1935
International Labor Defense
San Francisco, Calif.
Dear Friends:

"We wish to take this opportunity to express our heartfelt thanks and appreciation for your efforts in our behalf."

"The struggle of labor for decent living conditions and freedom has always been a bitter one. Many of our comrades, sisters and brothers, have been shot, jailed and beaten so that the workers may have a better life. Our case is a direct outcome of the ship owners, industrial ass'n and contractors attempts to break our splendid waterfront unions. They hope to convict us on perjured testimony, given by paid renegades and stool pigeons. Our case is another example of the monstrous lengths the moneyed interests will go to suppress labor. They are intent on hanging four innocent workers. Only the united protest of labor and its sympathizers will halt their bloody hands. Our lives can be

saved by the widest exposure of this frameup.

"Two of us are married and have families, and the other two also do not want to lose their lives and liberty, but we stand unafraid knowing that labor will stand by us. We have the utmost confidence in our attorneys and are glad to see that our union is working together with the I.L.D. We call upon all labor organizations to join forces to stop this attack. Our conviction will be a blow against all unions, a victory for us will be a blow against the anti-labor forces."

"Our most heartfelt and fraternal greetings. An injury to one is an injury to all."

(Signed) Julio Canales, Archie Brown, Francisco Jimenez, Natalio Villi.

Closing arguments in the case of Leo Gallagher, et al. have been set for Monday, Dec. 9, at 10 a. m. in Judge Lazarus' court.

Elaine Black, one of the defendants, whose sudden illness caused a continuation of the case, is still in the hospital recovering from an operation for appendicitis. As yet her doctor has set no date for her release from the hospital.

Arrangements have made for bail for George Geoffrian, Val-lejo hotel chef, and Isaac Finkelstein of San Francisco, who have been held in Alameda county jail for several days awaiting deportation proceedings on charges of radicalism. Two thousand dollars property bail was to have been posted Saturday, Nov. 30, for each one by the I. L. D.

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Complete the five-year plan in four years. That is the task the Soviet Union's youngest industry, the synthetic rubber industry, has set itself. The four plants have already produced their year's quota, 20,000 tons, and promise to produce another 5000 tons during the rest of the year. Next year they expect to produce 40,000 tons, against 37,000 tons contemplated in 1937 under the five-year plan.

It is pointed out that the processes of producing synthetic rubber were discovered by Soviet scientists. Plants to produce 10,000 tons yearly are now working, equipped entirely with Soviet machinery. DuPont's plants to produce synthetic rubber in the U. S. have a production capacity of only 300 tons a year.

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Books-Pamphlets IN REVIEW

It Can Happen Here; Active Anti-Semitism in Los Angeles. By Carey McWilliams. 31 pages, price 5 cents.

Some time ago there appeared on walls, telephone poles, billboards and in other prominent places, both in Los Angeles and San Francisco, colored, rabid anti-Semitic "proclamations." This pamphlet is the report of an investigation into Nazi and anti-Semitic activities in Los Angeles. It is sponsored jointly by the American League Against War and Fascism and the Jewish Anti-Nazi League of Southern California.

Certain German and American organizations are attempting to flood the country with this anti-Jewish, anti-racial minority filth. This is the same sort of stuff upon which Adolf Hitler has justified the barbaric cruelties he has loosed upon the working class of Germany. Some of this putrid junk takes root. Hence the title of this pamphlet. It Can Happen Here!

The proclamation in question was inserted into a certain edition of the "Los Angeles Times." According to the author of the pamphlet the "Times" people were very "indignant." They might have been indignant but this does not hide the fact that the "Times" is the leading fascist proponent in Southern California and is known as such to thousands of Los Angeles workers. The leopard in the case does not change its spots.

However, the pamphlet is an excellent exposure of the fascist forces working in the southern part of the state. It can be purchased at your nearest Workers Book Shop at Room 410, 224 S. Spring St., Los Angeles; at International Bookshop, 170 Golden Gate Ave., San Francisco.

L. A. YCL to Stage Anti-Hearst Party
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Setting Up Company Unions with Spies

STRIKEBREAKING AS AN AMERICAN GRAFT
Article II

This is the second of a short series of articles showing the methods used by employers in their never-ending assault on the living standards of the workers of America.

PHILADELPHIA (FP)—How a firm of labor spies is selling its services to big employers in the New York and Philadelphia areas to organize company unions and pry into minute details of their employees' personal lives is related in charges laid before the Natl. Labor Relations Board by the Bakery Drivers Union of Philadelphia.

In a case of unusual significance, the outcome of which may decide the future trend of labor board policy on company unions, the bakery drivers charge the Freihofer Baking Co., largest Philadelphia bakers, with organizing a company union, despite the existence of a union agreement, and with firing union members for union activity.

Startling revelations concerning the methods used by the spy concern retained by the baking company to do the job were made by John B. Backhus, president of the Bakery Drivers Union, in filing the complaint.

Undercover Work

The firm set up by Irving C. Franklin and Donald M. Stoner, self-styled "specialists" of Jersey City, N. J., felt out employees on a "union of their own, one the company would work with," Backhus charges. Then, operating ostensibly in the interest of the employees, the spy organization sought to ferret out such details as the employee's "union status," whether he had "the best interest of his firm at heart," and his "general attitude toward the labor situation."

The information thus gained was turned over to the employer to be used in an attempt to undermine the existing A. F. of L. union. Carefully selected "loyal workers" were called for in taxicabs one fine evening recently and taken to a meeting where they were jollied into organizing a company dominated union.

This is the procedure which, with variations to suit the particular situation, Franklin and Stoner have employed in forming company unions for chain groceries,

meat packing houses and shoe and movie firms in the past 18 months, the Philadelphia union charges.

High Living.

The baking company, smarting from memories of the 1933 strike in which its employees won increased wages, shorter hours, a union agreement and elimination of credit responsibility, brought Franklin and Stoner to Philadelphia, where they put up at the swanky Chateau Grillon, opened offices in the Beury Bldg., and advertised for "college men to do investigating work."

But in this instance the specialists in spying were outmaneuvered at their own game. A union adviser, who is a former official of the American Civil Liberties Union, answered the ad and was one of four men hired. He recognized Franklin and Stoner as two men who had been ordered out of town 18 months previously by Police Supt. Joseph L. Strange, when Lewis G. Hines, A. F. of L. organizer, uncovered their attempt to form a "racket union" among garage mechanics and gasoline station attendants.

The "investigators" were given lists of Freihofer employees, told to ingratiate themselves, and ordered to render an 11-point report on each man. They were to find out not only every detail of the employee's attitude toward the company and unionism, but even his religion and "type of home."

Company Union

On the basis of information gathered, six different units of a company union were set up not long ago, one for each branch of the company, Backhus charges. Plans call for each unit to be manned by "reliable" officers consisting of a chairman, two vice-chairmen, a financial secretary and a trustee. Unit officers are to form a general council to deal with the company in the name of the men. Dues are to be 25c a month in place of union dues of \$2.00.

A hearing on the union's charges awaits the return from Washington of Gerhard van Arkel, labor board attorney. The baking company does an interstate business, bringing the case under the jurisdiction of the Wagner labor disputes act. The decision will be awaited as of highest significance in view of renewed company union activity by large industrialists since passage of the Wagner bill,

WHAT AMERICAN PROFESSIONALS CAN LEARN FROM A SOVIET FILM

THE PRIVATE LIFE OF PETER VINOGRADOV

The Private Life of Peter Vinogradov isn't so much the life of an individual, but the progress of Soviet socialistic life. We see the younger generation marching on to technical perfection. The slogans of a few years ago that emphasized mere accomplishment of sound ridiculous in a society of ever increasing mechanical, artistic, and social perfection.

Americans who are out of touch with the progress of the U.S.S.R. may be puzzled by the motives that prompted the production of this remarkable picture. Ahead of us in the U. S. there is but one accepted technical improvement: that is in the art of destruction. We must train our agricultural students in the science of destroying hogs and cotton. Our college athletes could well learn the skill of high diving. . . . I can see them diving in perfect form; beautiful swan dives, perfect jack knives, breath taking flips; I can see them diving from our wonderful Colorado Street Bridge into the dry and stony Arroyo. There is nothing else for them to do.

NO! It isn't perfection that we need (I speak as a college man and a petty business man). We must turn back to the working man, to the rank and file, we must follow the rough fellow, the one who has learned thru hard knocks and oppression. We who have studied and worked for technique have failed because our foundation was based on a class society. LABORING MEN TAKE THE LEAD!

Such were the thoughts that flooded my mind as I left the Grand International Theater in L. A. after viewing The Private Life of Peter Vinogradov.

Joe Harlow, Pasadena, Cal.

ORCHESTER LEADER COATES TO MOSCOW

MOSCOW, U.S.S.R., Dec. 2.—Many guest conductors from outside countries are coming to participate in the Philharmonic season this year, among them, Albert Coates, London and New York symphony director who enjoys great popularity among the Russian masses.

and current speculation as to whether intense labor feeling on the subject will be met by a definite campaign against the company union menace on the part of the regional labor board.

Health and the Class Struggle

By FRANKLIN E. BISSELL, M. D.

LICE INFESTED HOSPITALS

Oakland, Calif.

Nov. 25, 1935

Dr. F. E. Bissell:

Your article in the Western Worker under the "Health and the Class Struggle" column made a hit with me.

I have resided at the Fairmont hospital two different times so I am quite familiar with the racket of Dr. Black and his flunkies at Fairmont and Arroyo.

Outside of robbing the patients' stomachs, it is a game of deception from the time one enters the grounds. I am tubercular and believe that I would have had an arrested case if I had not been shuffled around.

They tried to give me air (pumping air into the lung to make it collapse, F. B.) but something went wrong and I came to an hour later. They then gave me the phrenic-nerve operation and said it would do the work. Their next move was to transfer me to a ward outside the T. B. building. Ward K. The patients here were forgotten men and received the same diet as the indigents, despite the fact that the state was contributing 43 cents per day for the T. B. patients.

The food became so bad a committee was appointed to see Mrs. Walsh, the welfare worker. The answer was that a further reduction would slowly follow. Two of us left after that and they all would have moved out but they had no place to go and winter was approaching.

I was out a year and a half and then had to go back. I was there three months this time and was apparently doing fine. Getting along with just bed rest. Of course my friends brought me food and fruit which made it possible to combat the bug.

One day, out of a clear sky, Dr. Eaton came rushing into the ward and said, "You've been getting out of bed." I replied I had been getting up occasionally. He started waving his arms and shouted that I could "get out!"

Every patient who is able to walk makes at least one trip to the lavatory a day. They are always short of nurses, and of course the nurses are overworked and underpaid.

Any doctor that says isolation invariably cures the patient is just a plain-faced liar. Out of about fifty patients that I know, thirty are dead, ten are still at Fairmont and the other ten are outside at Arroyo. Many of these died from getting an overdose of air but I don't suppose the record would show that.

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I can still get around once in a while and if you ever need any help in combating these lice, call on me. With best wishes I remain

Yours for industrial freedom
A.B.

ANSWER: A.B., We hope it won't be long before we can "fluoridate" all such blood-sucking lice who make their living by oppressing the unemployed sick. This is a typical example of the cruel and careless mismanagement of tuberculosis cases which is so common. The doctors give the wrong treatment, not through ignorance or intentionally, but merely because they are not interested in the individual cases as human beings. Examinations are generally very superficial and snap judgments are made as to the proper treatment. There is a frequent change of doctor and many of the doctors will not trouble themselves with reading the history of each new case.

"Peasants" Opens December 9th at Berkeley Theater

"Peasants," said to be the most ambitious motion picture ever made in Soviet Russia, will open its two-day engagement at the Strand Theater, Berkeley, Monday and matinee and evening performances Tuesday, Dec. 9th and 10th, with scheduled.

According to advance information, "Peasants" has already played in over 5000 theaters in the Soviet Union, a record which surpasses the two previously set by "Chapayev" and "The Youth of Maxim."

The story traces the efforts of the Soviets to collective farming, and the determined efforts of an embittered Kulak (wealthy peasant) to destroy the movement.

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New Evidence of Treachery Revealed

M'NEVIN THREATENED DENTON WITH RAILROADING TO INSANE ASYLUM IF HE DARED TESTIFY

Herewith we continue the series of articles covering a detailed report of Tom Mooney's hearing on a writ of habeas corpus before Referee A. E. Shaw of the State Supreme Court, now being held in San Francisco. This installment covers sessions up to and including November 23.

VIII

When the Mooney hearings re-convened after nearly three weeks adjournment, it seemed as if most of the petitioner's testimony was in and the state would soon begin to present its witnesses. But the past week has brought more startling testimony to light concerning the frameup than the nearly two months previous.

Two prominent figures appeared as witnesses early in the week—Judge Franklin A. Griffin and ex-Senator Samuel Shortridge. But the real excitement started when Edwin V. McKenzie was recalled to the stand. For two and a half days McKenzie testified, giving as good as he got in a grilling cross-examination, and, at one point, accusing the respondent itself of perjury in claiming that Oxman was not a perjurer. Repeated efforts were made by Assistant Attorney General Cleary to have McKenzie's evidence, as well as that of the two following witnesses, stricken from the record. His attitude was that it did not matter what proof was brought of any other crimes against justice committed by Fickert or Cunha; if it did not involve conspiracy with perjury or suppression of evidence, it was outside the issues of the petition.

Mr. Finerty's reply was that a man capable of doing one of these actions might legitimately be expected to be capable of the other. Finally, with respect to the later testimony of Zindars and Denton, Referee Shaw sustained Cleary's objection and the testimony was offered as proof, subject to being stricken out if the Supreme Court later decides against it.

Cunha Was Scared

Briefly, this testimony was as follows: McKenzie told of four meetings with Cunha, after the securing of Oxman's damning letters to Rigall. Cunha was scared, said the letters were "rotten," that he had suspected Oxman of perjury though he claimed not to have known it surely, said he knew that the disclosure would "put him in the ash can for life," though what chiefly worried him was the "jury situation in the Mooney trial." Then he said he would get Fickert to agree to try to get the attorney general to confess an error of fact, so that they could get Mooney a new trial, upon acquittal in which all other indictments (including that against Billings) would be voided; all they wanted was first to get Oxman "sewed up" to a story exonerating the district attorney and his staff and the police, when they would gladly "throw Oxman to the dogs." At the last meeting, Fickert himself was present; all arrangements were made for his announcement of this new move to the press. Only he wanted a delay until it was too late for the morning papers to have editorials against his action. He left the conference ostensibly to make this announcement, and instead went to the grand jury, arranged for Oxman's whitewashing, and gave

out an exactly contrary statement to the press.

McKenzie Accuses
What Cunha meant by "the jury situation in the Mooney trial" was shown by McKenzie in telling of accusations he made to Cunha, which the latter did not deny. These accusations were better exemplified in the testimony of the next witness, J. B. Zindars, an attorney, and best of all in the next one, Jesse G. Denton, McNevin's brother-in-law.

Zindars testified that in 1917 McNevin told him that he had consulted with Cunha throughout the course of the trial and kept him in touch with the jury's attitude. McNevin later denied this and threatened Zindars, but Zindars stuck to his statement.

But Denton's story was even more startling, and has never been told before. His sister was McNevin's wife, and they were very friendly. Just before the Mooney trial, McNevin told him that he was to be on the jury. Fickert and Cunha had arranged it; his name was on a ballot fastened by an elastic band to the top of the ballot box, so he could not be missed, and he would pretend to be so favorable to the defense that they would not challenge him. The object was to convict Mooney; after that victory, Fickert would be elected Governor, Cunha, District Attorney, and McNevin would be made President of the San Francisco Police Commission; besides, he was to get \$5,000 and \$250 per month while Mooney was in jail.

McNevin Threatens
Denton asked how he knew Mooney was guilty, and he said Swanson had told Fickert if he got Mooney he would get the man who threw the bomb; by a process of deduction he was "the only person in the

community who could have done it." Nevertheless Denton said he would inform the judge and the defense attorneys of McNevin's statements; whereupon McNevin said if he did the authorities would bring him before the lunacy commission and have him railroaded to the Napa insane asylum. Moreover, Denton was then under financial obligations to McNevin, and besides, his mother and sister begged him to keep out of it, so he kept silent.

During the trial, he was at dinner in McNevin's house when Cunha called, and McNevin talked to him for fifteen minutes in a taxicab outside. He said: "Ed got a great kick out of the way the big honest cattleman (Oxman) went over with the jury." Subsequent meetings, Mrs. McNevin told Denton, were held at the home of Frank Murphy, McNevin's personal attorney and Cunha's friend.

McNevin's Divorced

Throughout the years, Denton kept trying to get McNevin to do something to undo the wrong he had done Mooney. The McNevins were divorced in 1926, but Denton remained friendly with his brother-in-law.

In 1930, in Fresno, where Denton now lives, he met McNevin on the street, and he told Denton he had at least signed a plea for Mooney's pardon. It was this effort of McNevin's belatedly to help Mooney that kept defense attorneys and Fremont Older from pressing the stories of McNevin's dealings with Cunha which McKenzie and Zindars told them and which Mrs. McNevin herself mentioned in her divorce complaint.

Denton will be cross-examined by Cleary next week. His story was first given to Mr. Davis last September. McNevin himself is no longer living.

(To be continued)

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West Coast Longshorem— Be On Your Guard!

The report that Ryan has ordered the working of Luckenbach ships should put the West Coast longshorem on their guard. Ryan's tactics in the Gulf strike are clear—he intends to sell out the heroic Gulf longshorem, maneuvering over the heads of the rank and file in utter disregard of their desires and demands.

Therefore, if West Coast longshorem work Luckenbach ships, solely on Ryan's say-so, they will be playing directly into the hands of the ship-owners and will endanger the success of the Gulf strike.

The Gulf strikers have repudiated Ryan's tactics. It was reported in the DAILY WORKER late last week the Gulf Contract Committee has demanded Ryan's resignation as president of the I.L.A. Furthermore, the Gulf strikers, to our knowledge, have not released the Luckenbach ships and until they do so these vessels are "hot."

Ryan's latest threat to call a national I.L.A. strike against all Gulf ships means nothing unless enforced on the East and West Coasts, over the head of Ryan and his sell-out friends.

Ryan has "threatened" before. But he sent the New Bedford and New York longshorem back to work after they had refused to unload hot cargo from the Gulf.

From now on the West Coast longshorem, from San Pedro to Seattle, should look to the Gulf strikers themselves to determine whether Gulf ships should be worked or not. Let these men, who daily are facing guns and tear gas, say whether or not Luckenbach, or any other ships, are under the hot cargo ban.

If they declare Luckenbach ships, or vessels of any other line, are still under the ban, we must refuse to work these ships. Rank and file longshorem, East or West, are not strikebreakers.

Chain Gangs for Los Angeles Streets?

Fascism creeps upon us in a thousand guises. The request of the Los Angeles Police Commission to Chief of Police Davis to pass upon the feasibility of using a chain gang of forty city prisoners to clean out storm drains, is worthy of Hitler.

There can be little doubt about Chief Davis' opinion. Chief "red baiter" Davis—the delight of reactionary society parasites who anxiously debate the fascist means of protecting their privileges—has shown in every possible instance that he stands violently opposed to labor, to the point of openly advocating fascist terror.

What has the Los Angeles Central Labor Council done with regard to the chain gang proposal, for which money has been appropriated, according to the Los Angeles News?

This imitation of "Chain Gang" Talmadge of Georgia must be inquired into closely, and decided action taken by all labor unions and other organizations in the Los Angeles area.

Smash all such barbaric attempts to use forced labor. Bring the City Council and the Chief of Police to realize that all such fascist measures will not be tolerated.

Fight the Proposed S. F. Disaster Ordinance! Repeal the Oakland Measure!

The "Disaster Preparedness Ordinance" is to come up for a rehearing before the San Francisco Board of Supervisors on Monday, Dec. 9th.

This thinly veiled fascist measure must not be regarded with indifference. It is the greatest menace San Francisco workers have yet faced, and it must be countered with the widest possible campaign to muster delegates to denounce the plan at the hearing.

First conceived by the Commonwealth Club in 1928, this so-called "emergency" plan was recently revived when a waterfront strike threatened. It is no mere coincidence that its lists of sponsors now includes the Junior Chamber of Commerce (the fascist mouthpiece of big business) and the American Legion (shock troops for reaction and anti-labor vigilantism.)

The potential strike-breaking role of this ordinance has been exposed consistently by the Western Worker. We now add further evidence from the mouths of its sponsors. The San Francisco Daily News recently printed a letter signed by the chairman of the Legion committee sponsoring the plan, declaring:

"Labor need not fear as it (the disaster

plan) will not be used against legitimate strikes."

WHAT ARE LEGITIMATE STRIKES? SELL-OUT STRIKES!

Of course, for such strikes nothing but lies and chicanery are needed. But for real "illegitimate" strikes, with meaning for the workers and for their standard of living, and therefore costly to the bosses, "disaster plans" are needed that they might be brutally broken with police and military violence.

The ordinance must be fought tooth and nail. There is no time to lose. We must fight against the ordinance and any proposed "compromise" plan such as is being cooked up by Rossi with the tacit support of Vandeleur and his clique.

Raise the issue in every trade union and demand that delegates be sent from every one—in addition to those representing the Central Labor Council.

The matter must not be left to chance, or San Francisco workers will wake up and find that it has been shipped over on them as it was in Oakland, where the trade unions and the Labor Party committee now face a campaign to repeal the ordinance.

Make a mighty effort to organize the biggest labor deputation yet seen at the City Hall next Monday at 3 p. m.

Advance the American League Program in the Trade Unions

The American League Against War and Fascism, to which the Communist Party is affiliated in spite of the fact that the League program does not meet the full requirements of the Communist program against war and fascism, is holding regional conferences throughout the state with a view to crystallizing a full program of action of the broadest possible united front for California, and electing delegates to the National Anti-War Congress to be held in Cleveland next January.

Already conferences have been held in Palo Alto, San Jose, and other centers. San Francisco will hold a Northern California conference on Saturday and Sunday, December 14th and 15th. Los Angeles will hold a Southern California conference on Sunday, December 22nd. These conferences merit the close attention of all trade union bodies and mass religious and fraternal organizations. The program of the League is one on which many more thousands of Californians than have hitherto been contacted can be persuaded to unite.

Above all, trade unions should be acquainted with this united front effort, and a minimum anti-war program proposed for immediate action through resolutions.

For example, the following two points should be proposed to all union meetings:

- 1) Endorsement of the resolution passed at the recent emergency convention of the Maritime Federation of the Pacific, taking a stand against war, and against the shipment of war materials to Italy.
- 2) Demanding that the government put a full embargo on the shipment of war material, including all products vital to the conduct of war.

The San Francisco "Chronicle" Weasels

To those who would like to read "fairness" and "broad-mindedness" into the San Francisco Chronicle's recent claim to objective reporting of the waterfront news, the editorial printed in last Friday's issue must come as a shock.

The editorial writer minces no words. "If it is true that Government has no power to enforce such contracts, then it should also have no power to compel the making of them. Either the policy of the Government, enforcing the rights of 'collective bargaining,' should go the whole way, or else it should go none of the way, and leave the whole matter where it was before, as a private matter between the parties."

This specious attempt to present the "two sides to every question" very nicely conceals the real objective of the Chronicle and its owners—to have the Government enforce peace at the expense of the workers.

Reactionaries speak out, demanding that the Government break strikes. Liberals hesitate to use such strong language, and tend unless watched to let the workers down in roundabout fashion. The in-betweeners weasel in the manner of the Chronicle especially when faced with a situation that is plainly one of working class principle and in which the whole moral effect of strike action is widely supported.

The implication is feeble... let the Government break this strike or leave the employers with a free hand to use thugs to that end.

The Chronicle is no friend of the workers, now or at any other time. Its course is charted. Its policy is one of deception.

Our task... is not to stand passively by and wait until Negro toilers become ready for revolution. No. Our task is to join with them in the organization for their immediate struggle and strengthen their position nominally and politically, toilers, and in this way create the transition to the revolutionary struggle which will make possible the realization of the right of the Negro masses in the Black Belt to self-determination.

Party Life

DISTRICT ORGANIZATIONAL
DEPARTMENT

Unit Check-Up on Protests and News

Regarding unit activities, perhaps this will interest some. The Unit Agit-Prop (another comrade could do satisfactorily) has been voted on in our unit to look over each Daily and Western Worker for protests to be sent. These are sent weekly, the unit bearing the cost of letter paper and stamps.

On many occasions we have been overjoyed to notice that cases for which we have sent protests have fared well because of "mass pressure."

This work should be carried on systematically by all units for really effective work.

This work could be more satisfactorily carried out if the Western Worker would include in each case the address of the judge who is presiding over the trial, or, better still, devote some special space in the paper for listing the protests, data covering it, etc.

Comradely yours
 A Los Angeles Section Unit

NOTE—The above idea should be extended to include a check-up of news. Some one in your unit should by all means be constantly on the watch to see that news comes in from your unit's field of activity. Why not assign this to your unit agit-prop, also?

EDITOR

Here is a checkup on the Recruiting Drive from Nov. 22 to 29, inclusive.

Los Angeles.....5
 San Francisco.....9
 East Bay.....7
 Stockton.....2
 Sacramento.....3
 Arizona.....2
 San Jose.....1
 Santa Barbara.....1

There is only one Blacklist Section remaining. That Section is Contra Costa, which has not recruited a single member so far since the Drive started, September 21st.

With only one month remaining in the Drive, our recruiting activities in all Sections, sub-sections and units must be greatly intensified.

The District Org. Dept. proposes that for the month of December, the following shall be done:

During December, every unit should concentrate on the calling of open unit meetings, to which we shall invite trade unionists, Socialists, Epic followers, etc. The discussion for such open meetings should be some current political topic dealing with the united front. Great care should be taken in the preparation for such discussion. The best and most politically developed comrade in the unit should be assigned at least one week ahead of time to lead this discussion.

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POINTS

Battle Creek, Wyoming
 The Western Worker:

Dear Sirs: Please find enclosed 60 cents for 3 months subscription to the WESTERN WORKER. I'd order one year's subscription, but low on funds. But I'll order a longer term of the Western Worker next month.

The first newspaper I've ever read that gives actual truths that are the facts.

Yours very truly
 A. J.

Deming, New Mexico

Dear Comrades: I'm sorry that I've not been able to renew my sub to the W. W. before, but as now I see I can't be without it I'm cutting out something else and send enclosed \$1 for a six months' subscription.

Fraternalty yours
 C.M.C.

BOY SHOT BY RAILROAD
BULLS DIES OF PARALYSIS

CHICAGO, Dec. 2.—Charles Verba, a 15-year-old boy who was shot by a railroad detective while gathering food for his dog, died here today after 14 months of struggle with paralysis brought on by the bullet.



What's Doing in Brazil? PEONS, WORKERS, SOLDIERS RISE IN REVOLT

The Communist, Keiros, in his speech at the Third Conference of the Countries of South and Caribbean Countries in the fall of 1934 in Uruguay, declared:

"The army in Brazil is demoralized from top to bottom. It is not an army like that in Argentina. In no other army is there such bad discipline. This army has behind it traditions of revolutionary struggle. Military schools were always strongholds of the revolutionary struggle for democratic liberty."

"Now we have Communist organizations in the majority of the corps. The army is sympathetic towards strikers. The same situation exists in the police force of Brazil."

Peon System

Brazil is nearly a one-crop country. Coffee constitutes 70 per cent of her exports. However, in the state of Pernambuco, where the present revolt reached a high level, sugar is the main crop. This monoculture, or concentration on a single crop, degrades the soil and degrades labor. Peasants are forced to subsist on a monotonous and unhealthy diet. The great landlords cut wages to the bone in order to get a sufficiently large labor force to harvest the crop on their huge plantation estates. Since 1889, when slavery officially was abolished, peonage has developed on a tremendous scale. Brazil comprises approximately 3,285,318 square miles and a little more than 40,250,000 people. So bad have conditions become for the workers and peasants that in 1933 Director of Public Health Belisario Penna, could state: "30,000,000 human beings, or about

three quarters of the total population, without any earthly possessions, are dying slowly from hunger, syphilis and malarial diseases."

Imperialism

In 1918 American investments in Brazil amounted to barely \$50,000,000; by the end of 1930, the total had grown to approximately \$557,000,000. Britain's investments have grown on a like scale. French, Japanese, Portuguese, Italian and German imperialists also are heavily invested in Brazil.

The peasants are fighting fiercely against being pushed off the land. The workers have won strike after strike, many of which became open armed clashes. The soldiers have used their arms against their officers and the government. In 1931, in Pernambuco, the soldiers organized, arrested their officers and took the government into their own hands. Lack of real revolutionary leadership caused the revolt to fail.

Background of Revolt

There were two revolts early in the twenties, one in 1922 and one in 1924. The latter was led by the same man who is reported to be in command of the present rebellion in the Northeast—Colonel Luis Carlos Prestes. In 1928 there was another revolt and in 1930 a "revolution" which placed the power in the hands of the present regime. President Vargas and the Alliance Liberal, after promising the peasants everything, has broken every single promise.

In 1932 the two leading political factions fought openly. One faction was backed by Britain, the other by America. The Vargas

clique, backed by American imperialists, finally won. Vargas, however, was forced to make many concessions.

Communists Must Lead

There is no centralized Socialist Party in Brazil nor any other party of that kind. Neither is there any centralized, reformist confederation of labor. The only party on a national scale, uniting all states, embracing seventeen district committees, is the Communist Party.

In the speech by Keiros, already quoted, appears this prophecy and call to action:

"What will happen if we (the Communist Party of Brazil) link up with the broad masses of the Northeast? We must not fear that we shall be called golpists (persons who prepare for a coup d'etat), or putschists."

The peasants want to fight with arms in hand. The soldiers want to fight for a better life. The broad masses of the people are joining the struggle.

"We shall fight, arms in hand, for the improvement of their material conditions, against imperialism, against the reactionary government of Vargas, against the great landlords."

"Enough of this trailing at the end of the movement!"

"The movement must be properly organized!"

This speech was delivered in the Fall of 1934. And on November 24, 1935, the four states of the Northeast, Pernambuco, Rio Grande do Norte, Alagoas and Parahyba—were reported to have revolted under joint peasants, soldiers, workers and Communist leadership!

BROWDER ON OUR IMMEDIATE TASKS IN AMERICA

Here are the highlights of the report of Comrade Earl Browder to the recent Plenum of the Central Committee of the Communist Party of America.

Comrade Browder's report will appear in full in the December issue of "The Communist," as well as in pamphlet form later.

A split working class could not undertake to exercise influence upon internal and external affairs. But a working class that is moving in the direction of united action, of unity, such a working class can.

The final and irrevocable victory of Socialism in the Soviet Union strengthens immeasurably the positions of the workers throughout the world.

We must find that decisive link in the present class struggles which will enable us best to prepare the toilers for the coming great battles of the second round of revolutions. And what is that link? It is the united front against fascism and war.

Can anyone doubt that the Soviet Union is the chief bulwark for peace in the world, not because it is weak, but precisely because it has grown strong and powerful, and demonstrates that Socialism means peace, in contrast with fascism, which is the chief threat of war?

The most important thing the A. F. of L. can do for peace is organize and lead the working class to stop all shipments to and from Italy.

It is necessary to turn all our energies to the central task of the period—to the building of a broad, aggressive Farmer-Labor Party in every town and city, in every state and in the whole nation in preparation for the election struggles and for the decisive election of 1936.

The Labor Party will not come of itself. It must be fought for; it must be organized.

We are not speculating on or hoping for a break-up of the Socialist Party in the vain hope that such events will give us a few more members and remove some problems. Such a narrow sectarian attitude toward the Socialist Party has nothing in common with our program.

The Lewis, Howard, Hillman group in the A. F. of L. is fighting for a basic issue in the life of the American working class—organizing the unorganized into industrial unions. This is one of those crucial points which will strengthen the American working class tremendously and enable it to struggle for its class interests all along the line. It is clear that this issue will be supported by us by all possible means.

World Events

By Emmett Kirby

Italian Advances in Ethiopia Halted; Peace Remote

With the Italian advance in Ethiopia bogged down to a standstill what of the mountainous terrain, the new rainy season but mostly by the continuous harassing and victorious battles waged against his fascist troops, it is apparent to all but a madman that now would be the time for Mussolini to accept peace terms.

He is faced with applications of sanctions on oil, steel, iron and other materials essential to a warring nation, following the meeting of the League Committee on Dec. 12. And Laval last week told him straight out that France would take part in any military action the League would use if he attacked Britain, as he threatened. In addition to this, both Britain and France are again asking him to give his terms of peace.

At home his drive for financial backing for the war has not been conspicuously successful. Instead of flooding the treasury with money, as any major nation counts on being able to do in the first flush of patriotic hysteria when a war begins, he is reported on good authority not to be holding even with what he had last September when the last official financial statement was issued. And this despite every effort to wring money from the workers and peasants by taxes and what are so cynically called "donations."

The belated "enthusiasm and spirit of the nation" just is not here. And nobody knows it better than Mussolini. Were he not a madman, he would realize all these factors call for a compromise and peace. But the ego which has foisted fascism onto the Italian people and pictured himself as the modern Caesar will quite possibly prefer to go down and drag the whole business with him rather than to stop short of a complete victory—which daily grows more remote.

The Ethiopians mean business and are beginning to win victories to prove it. And do not suppose for a minute that natives of Italian Somaliland and other colonies are not following with quickening hearts the victories which have, for the time at least, stopped the fascist steamroller.

His position for getting good peace terms is obviously advantageous. Laval, for all his statement of backing the League to the full, is in a tremendously precarious position. The initial victory scored in parliament is nothing compared to the battles yet to come—on his economy measures at the expense of the working class, the disbanding of armed fascist organizations and other important issues. On any of many of these his government may fall. The forty billion francs budget is unbalanced, and can only be balanced, according to Laval methods, by further taxes and wage cuts on the working class. The foreign trade balance is in the red, and at home national income is dwindling. Business continues to get worse. And faced with going off the gold standard and depreciation of the franc, looms a new armaments race which Laval will find tremendous opposition to if he tries to keep up with. Peace, the ending of the Italian attack and a relief of the burdens on the people of France are the only things which can keep him in power.

Britain Wants Peace

Britain, already getting protests from her commercial interests in the Orient and from her colonies and Australasia, at letting Japan go ahead without restriction in attempted dismemberment of China, would like to be able to have the situation in Europe and Africa ended peacefully. She wants no war at the moment.

These factors made the peace overture to Mussolini carry more authority than any previous ones. Both countries are willing to let Mussolini have all the non-African territory of Ethiopia (that now held by fascist troops) as well as full commercial preference in the rest of Ethiopia.

If Mussolini will accept these, there is no question that these two "enlightened" capitalist governments would try to bludgeon Ethiopia into acceptance of the robbery. For the victory of Ethiopia would have repercussions in their own colonies as well.

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